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# Town opposed to four year term

## ...and other town council notes

### Parking pact

The town was asked to send a letter to the Didsbury Hospital and the Regional Health Authority to request the designation of three parking stalls in the immediate area of the ambulance bays for emergency vehicles. At a previous meeting a member of the Mountain View Ambulance indicated that they were having an ongoing prob-

lem with obtaining stalls at the hospital for the ambulance staff. Council agreed to forward a letter requesting that the situation be remedied.

### No need for four years

Town council received a letter from the Mayor of Edmonton asking that they pass a resolution and send a letter of support to the province to extend the next municipal term to four years. Councillors stated that they felt three years was plenty of time and, besides they felt it should be a choice of the

voting public and not those whose jobs a decision like this might affect. Coun. Gary Dolha acknowledged the fact that the reasoning behind the resolution was to keep the high cost of elections to a minimum, however he said, "It's the cost of democracy." Council accepted the letter from the City of Edmonton as information only.

### Revised resolution

At their November meeting council was asked to endorse a document called the "People's Resolution for a United Canada." At that time the councillor indicated that they felt uncomfortable with some of the wording in the document and would like to table it to the next meeting. A the Tuesday meeting Coun. Dorothy Moore-Anderson and Coun. Willard Swalm included a revised version of the document, which excluded any references to 'unique'. Council accepted the resolution as amended. The revisions will be sent forward to Richard Marz, the local MLA.

### Tree-rific

The Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board asked town council to endorse their application for grant money to the Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Council endorsed the application to encourage ASRP&W to fund a tree renewal program in the town of Didsbury. The goal of the project is to remove all of the

old hazardous and dead trees and stumps and replace them with newly selected ones (not poplar). The town has committed \$4000 towards the project in 1998 and large number of volunteers will be used to plant the trees.

### Regional Fire department

Councillors who attended a meeting last week in regards to regionalizing administration of the fire departments in the county, gave an oral report on what was discussed. They reported that Rick Mousseau, local fire chief and Coun. Gary Dolha will be on a task force to further look into the possibilities.

### A street named...

Council approved the names Westpoint Drive, Westpoint Bay and Westpoint Place for the roads that will be constructed in the new Westpoint housing development.

# Slashing story totally fabricated

By Ceilidh McClurg

Local police were duped, but not for long, says Sgt. Ron Platz of the Didsbury RCMP.

As reported in The Review last week, a Didsbury youth reported to police early last month that he had been attacked and slashed by a group of three other youths.

Platz says it was completely fabricated. "It was all a hoax," he said.

"He put cut marks on his face himself," he adds. The youngster who created the story has now been charged with Public Mischief and will appear in Didsbury Provincial Court to face the charges.

The young man, who can not

be identified under the Young Offenders Act, reported the supposed incident to the police one day after he said three young men had jumped out of a truck and attacked him late at night in the Southridge area. He then said the young men had slashed his face with a razor blade or home made knife several times.

Police have put the information out to the public in hopes of catching the suspects, that is until they realized the kid was lying.

Platz says he can't even begin to understand why the youth may have created such an extensive fish story, but suspects it may because he "has some problems."



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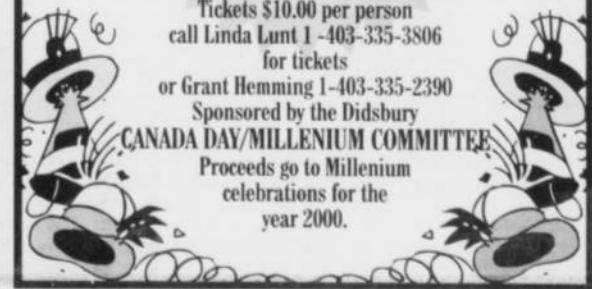
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## In the spirit of Christmas



SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

The students at Westglen kicked off their Christmas holidays by performing in a concert for their parents and the rest of the community. Above, the Grade 5 band, who have only been playing for about three months, played a series of short tunes to get the audience's toes tapping. The senior bands also performed at the concert.

## Holiday tragedy: Water Valley woman killed in accident

By Ceilidh McClurg

It is unknown what might have caused an elderly woman's vehicle to run off the road near Water Valley, killing her instantly.

Didsbury RCMP Const. Don Oltrop said the road conditions were clear when Yvonne Cummings, 64, of Water Valley lost control of her vehicle

and rolled in the ditch.

"It was a beautiful day. Clear roads and nice sunny conditions. We don't know what happened yet," said Oltrop.

The accident happened about two miles west of Water Valley last Tuesday.

Cummings was driving along westbound on Highway 579 when the accident oc-

curred. A witness to the tragedy called police who responded instantly, but arrived to find Cummings had already died as a result of injuries sustained.

She had been wearing a seatbelt, but Oltrop said it couldn't have helped her in this situation.

## Area cowboy spurred excitement at NFR

By Ceilidh McClurg

A Water Valley Cowboy can hang his hat in the winner's circle if his rides keep going like they have been.

Glen O'Neill has been competing in the Saddle Bronc at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and has placed first in two out of seven rounds, and has placed fourth and fifth in two rounds.

O'Neill is roping up the points as well as the prize money. At the NFR so far, O'Neill has claimed for himself a total combined purse of \$30,401.13 in seven rounds.

O'Neill burst out of the gates the first night of competition claiming a 78 point ride on a bronc named Harry Void "Desert Shield."

He did not place in round Two. However, he came back with a blast to place first in Round Three with a 84 point ride on Sankey Rodeo "Range Sheep."

No rest for the wicked. The following night in Round Four he placed first again with a high scoring 86 point ride on Flying U "I'm No Copenhagen Angel."

He was on a roll. Not to be knocked off, O'Neill placed fourth with 80 points on Andrews Rodeo "Roany Wiggles Skoal."

He was the only cowboy in

the saddle bronc even to place in the prize money three nights in a row.

His consistency has paid off and at press time he sat on top with a total of 552 points on seven head.

O'Neill did not place in the last three rounds, but ended his time at the NFR number two in overall points averaged. Overall he placed fifth in the competition.

Not only did he do well at the NFR, but he is also ranked unofficially number five in the world, with total earning for this year over the \$100,000 mark.

The Las Vegas NFR event was O'Neill's third appearance in the NFR. He quickly rose to be known as one of the best, as he has only been riding professionally for four years all together.

In 1994, O'Neill was named the Canadian Rookie of the Year and just one year later he walked away with his chaps loaded with \$50,000 coming out tops at the Calgary Stampede.

O'Neill is so good he's broken records as well as horses. He has the honour of being known as having the highest point ride ever scored in the saddle bronc competition, with 95 points on Airwolf at the Innisfail Rodeo in 1996.



## Superintendent saga gets some closure

**Dr. Altha Neilson no longer employed by Chinook's Edge and conflict of interest issue addressed**

By Ceilidh McClurg

The long blurred situation surrounding the status of Chinook's Edge superintendent, Dr. Altha Neilson has come to an end. Her relationship with the school board was officially wrapped up last week.

Board chair, Linda Yargeau said she was unable to comment on the exact circumstances of the final agreement due to clauses in the legal document that prohibits anyone speaking about it.

However, a press release was issued to media on Friday afternoon that stated, "The board is unanimous in wishing Dr. Neilson a full and speedy recovery of her health and in wishing her well in her future endeavours...."

Neilson left on sick leave suddenly in the beginning of July. She had simply left without notice and gave a letter of her intentions to take an extended sick leave as well as medical documentation backing up her claim.

Since that time, it has been repeatedly unclear as to the status of her leave, that ended in the beginning of October, at

which time the insurance company began paying her benefit package.

Even, the motion made in a private meeting last week to end the relationship was unclear as to whether the decision for Neilson to leave was mutual or slanted.

The motion read, "Moved that the board execute the documents necessary to conclude its relationship with the superintendent."

Local trustee Deb Cousins, said she could not provide any further information, due to the conditions of the agreement. However, she and Olds trustee Anne-Marie Brown did oppose the motion due to certain stipulations in the agreement. They were overruled by the majority.

The matter is now closed, and the board will begin the task of finding a new superintendent. Currently, the acting deputy superintendent Jim Gibbons will take Neilson's responsibilities until a further announcement is made regarding a permanent replacement. That information is expected in the next week or so.

Neilson has been employed

with Chinook's Edge since its creation about three years ago. Prior to that time, she had been part of the Red Deer School division which became a piece that amalgamated into the current Chinook's Edge board.

Neilson had, this year, come under fire from parents and ratepayers for what was called a conflict of interest.

It was said that she was using school board material and time to further her own companies, nNovations and Transitions Forward, who she was involved in together with former assistant superintendent Wayne Poncia.

In their press release the board said they wished to clarify any suspicions that may have arisen out of that time.

It read, "The board acknowledges that contrary to the impression that may have been created, it was aware that Dr.

Neilson was part of a company now known as nNovation Learning Group. Dr. Neilson and her associates in fact sought and obtained advanced authorization from the Board's legal counsel for their involvement in nNovations Learning Group. Their intentions were disclosed

under Section 101 of the *School Act*, before the Board of Trustees and a motion granting approval for their endeavours with Oz New Media was passed, in advance, by the board."

At that time, Cousins and Brown also opposed that motion.

Even more recently, questions arose about whether or not Neilson was working making speaking engagements while being paid for sick leave by Chinook's Edge.

The board acting superintendent, Jim Gibbons said it is a tough call whether anything inappropriate was occurring. He explains that Neilson had a great deal of overtime and banked holiday time. He says that it is difficult to say that Neilson was not using that time while doing her speaking engagements in August.

"If it was considered holiday time then it was okay. If you are on medical leave from your job, then it's probably not okay," said Gibbons.

He further explained that there was no way to discern one way or the other and the issue was dropped.



Dr. Altha Neilson is no longer a part of Chinook's Edge School Board.

The Board's parting comments to Neilson were expressed in the press release. It stated, "In wishing Dr. Neilson farewell, the Board wishes to express its gratitude for the successes experienced by the Division which have largely resulted from Dr. Neilson's vision and diligent work."

## EDITORIAL / OPINIONS

**Mayor Ray Lea : Taking a look back at 1997**

By Raymond B Lea

A lot has happened in 1997. I will attempt to give you a short version of what's happened in all departments of the town.

Operational Services are pleased at the lack of snowfall at this time. After last year, their snow removal budget needed a break.

Operational Services department has had a productive year. The downtown sidewalk replacement project was completed.

Included in this project was new sidewalks and curbs, a red "pressed" concrete boulevard (simulating brick work) and ornamental street lighting. Decorative tree boxes are also in place for tree planting in spring of 1998. Funding for this project was one third federal, one third provincial, one third town through the Canada, Alberta infrastructure program.

Another project was the reconstruction of 15th Ave. from the CPR crossing to the eastern town limits. This project was 75% funded by the Provincial Government through the Resource Road improvement project grant and 25% by the Town of Didsbury. Both projects were under budget. Reimer Industries of Didsbury was the contractor on both projects.

Corporate Services Department is up next. A number of new policies were passed by Council this year; specific to Corporate Services Department, as well as other Town Operations. A Code of Conduct policy was adopted which provides guidelines of ethical conduct for all town employees.

A Utility Account policy was adopted to provide some

specific guidelines for establishing and maintaining utility accounts; and a policy for application for property tax exemption was adopted to establish guidelines for non-profit and charitable organizations to request tax exempt status.

The town's banking services were tendered out and the town's accounts are now with Mountain View Credit Union.

Three new employee programs were introduced this year, including a Canada Savings Bond Payroll Purchase Plan, a group RRSP plan and an employee Computer Purchase Program. Employees have shown considerable interest in participating in each of these programs.

Through dedicated efforts of town staff and with the assistance of a new collection agency the town has been very successful this year in collection of its past due Fax and Utility accounts. Extra effort will continue to be expended in this area to ensure a positive cash flow picture for the town in the future.

The Mountain View Management Board has completed its addition of 12 units to the Carstairs Lodge and have filled all 12 units. The Board is still looking at possible sites, and funding for a



lodge in Didsbury. Development continued at a brisk pace in Didsbury in 1997 with a total of 15 single family dwellings, up slightly from 1996 and a total of 64 development permits issued with a total construction value to date of slightly over \$2 million.

After having become our own subdivision approving authority, subdivision approvals increased dramatically in 1997 with a total of 11 applications compared to two in 1996. Our inventory of lots has increased substantially with a total of over 60 new serviced lots ready for the '98 spring construction season. We now have a good supply of R1, R2 and R4 lots available for construction with additional phases approved and ready for development.

Several other developments such as Country Wynde Homes are approved and could be ready to take off in the spring.

1998 should see a very busy construction season with several multi-family projects also in planning stages.

Community services highlights. The 1998 Recreation Facility Personnel Conference set for April 26 to 29 is just around the corner. Plans are being fine tuned to make this one of the best ever. The Alberta Senior's Games Committee continues to plan to raise funding for the games which take place in July (25 to 29) 1999.

The Carstairs Colts Junior "B" hockey team is now playing half of their home games in Didsbury. The new waterslide was opened in February and continues to exceed all budget expectations on revenue.

The Main Street program will continue into 1998 with completion of several projects in 1997 and new projects to start in 1998.

The town of Didsbury is looking at new housing for our RCMP. Questionnaires and studies are in progress. A decision in the near future is forthcoming. Didsbury through the Centre for Business Development is there to assist residents wishing to start a small business. For further information call Evan Parliament CAO Town of Didsbury, at 335-3391 or e-mail at parliame@telus.planet.net

Now I would like to close with congratulations to all our staff and their directors for an outstanding year. I know you will make 1998 an even better year. I'm proud of all of you.

I would like to thank all of our great volunteers for their dedication and giving to themselves and congratulate them on a job well done.

Also, a special thanks to the councillors for their hard work and dedication.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all Didsburians and may 1998 be a fantastic year for everyone.

**Merry Christmas**

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## Remembering those who aren't here this year to share in Christmas

Christmas is the time of year when people gather with their friends and family and exchange gifts and pleasantries. For my family it is also the time of year to think of those who can't be here to share Christmas with us.

This year I will think of my cousin Katherine. She is in Toronto and I have not seen her for over six years. I hope she has a joyous holiday.

As I think of Katherine I also think of her brother Alfred, who is spending his first Christmas out of Alberta, having moved to a new post with the army in Ottawa. He and Katherine will be together. Here's hoping they have a good Christmas.

I will also be thinking of my other cousin Kirsten who is in New Zealand doing her Ph.D in geology. She won't be coming home this year either. I hope she enjoys the holidays.

As I helped my parents prepare our home this past weekend for Christmas, I thought of my aunt and uncle out in B.C. who have never been here to see our house. I know that they are looking forward to the few days off the holidays provide.

But Christmas is also the time to remember those who can never return to share in the spirit of the holidays. I know that every year my family remembers Katherine and Alfred's parents who died 16 years ago, and who will never come over and raise a glass of Christmas cheer again. But they are remembered just the same, through ornaments put

on the tree and the Christmas dinner china, my aunt's own that my mother inherited.

Christmas is also the time of year my family fondly remembers grandparents long gone, and memories of them are brought to light in front of the Christmas tree, beside whom hangs the portrait of my grandmother.

It is a family tradition on Christmas Eve to sit in front of the fire and talk about those who can't be there to share in the spirit. It is at this time we remember and hope for those who can't share in our fire's warmth.

In front of our fire we relive times in our Christmas' past of loved ones and happy memories. We tell the same stories over again, laughing more each year.

We tell stories of favourite Christmases, most of them having little to do with the gifts received on Christmas morning from Santa Claus, and more to do with happy times.

And we look fondly towards the Christmases that are to come and the new memories and people who will come into our lives, making Christmas all the more richer from one year to the next.

So this year when you are counting your blessings, count the people you love as your most cherished one of all. As you hang each ornament upon your tree reflect on where it came from and what it means to you. Christmas is after all about people.

Merry Christmas.



Hilary  
CLARK



Ceilidh  
MCCLURG

## Unwrap more than your gifts this holiday season

Christmas time is a time of many things beautiful. The lights, the trees, the reflective ribbons and bows, the stockings, the garland, the smell of gingerbread cookies, the time of giving and sharing with beloved family members.

It is also the time of complete madness. Physically having to beat the crowds at the shopping mall, trying to cook an over-stuffed turkey, cleaning out the family 'closet', wrapping presents until dawn on Christmas Eve, and trying to keep the cat from eating the tinsel on the tree. (Anyone who has a pet cat or dog knows what I mean.)

We all spend months leading up to Christmas Day, and for some by the time it gets here, it's over in a flash of stress and exhaustion.

Months and months are invested into this one day, and thank goodness it only comes once a year. However, while we are all floating away like helium balloons, every season I think we need to be caught by our string and grounded for just a moment to remember that there is more to this event.

That is the real meaning of Christmas. You know, the birth of Christ.

Last weekend I went to a not-so-traditional telling of the Christmas story at Church. Although the real meaning of Christmas was conveyed, it was done by the children in the form of a story telling experience. However, the children, and for that matter, the adults watching, got a dose of the true spirit of Christmas.

Even if you have no Christian beliefs, there are other things to remember. Remember, that commercialism is not the only purpose of this sacred holiday. It is a time about family. So, take the time to stop shopping for just a moment, and read 'Twas The Night Before Christmas' to your kids.

Kids are what the holidays are about. If it wasn't for the wide-eyed and magical children, just think what might be missing from the traditions of Christmas. No Santa, no stockings, no sugar overdoses, no juvenile Christmas carols like "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

So this holiday instead of feeling frustrated when your child opens a gift worth a lot of money and instead of playing with the toy, jumps into the cardboard box and makes car noises, enjoy it. Maybe it is these kids who are trying to get the message across, that is not what they get for Christmas, it is all about the fun and the beauty of it. Their innocence is not lost to the store front displays and outrageously expensive Christmas wrapping.

Isn't that what has happened to the Christmas season? We've wrapped so much stuff around it, we all tend to lose what is in the centre. If you're not a believer, the centre is family and sharing. If you are a believer, it is the birthday of Jesus.

Just take some time this year to peel away the layers of what the retail industry wants us to believe Christmas is about, and find the centre. Perhaps, that way we can enjoy the holidays instead of cursing them.

Don't get me wrong, I get caught up in the frenzy of Christmas as much as everyone else, maybe even more. I spend outrageous amounts of money because I like to see people smile on Christmas morning. But, you know what I noticed this weekend. The smile on my cousins, my brother, my sister, my mother and my boyfriends face is just as big when I wrap my arms around them and tell them that I love them or that I miss them all year.

So Christmas morning as you and your family opens your gifts, give another gift - the gift of sharing and love. That is what Jesus did.

*Merry Christmas everyone! Enjoy the holidays.*

## All I want for Christmas... Tax cuts for Christmas Mr. Klein?

"I believe Canadians, and that includes Albertans, are over-taxed." — Alberta Provincial Treasurer Stockwell Day, December 3, 1997.

By Mark Milke

Oh we couldn't agree more. That's why the Canadian Taxpayers Federation started a billboard campaign in Calgary and Edmonton last week asking Mr. Day's boss, Premier Ralph Klein, to commit to personal income tax cuts in Alberta before Christmas.

It is so refreshing to hear Mr. Day admit that we are over-taxed and that Albertans deserve a break. Now everyone except the diehard tax-and-spend crowd thinks taxes on Canadians are too high and need to be reduced. Albertans paid taxes until June 19th this year to fund three levels of government. Governments take almost half of our money. That puts us all on the level of seventeenth-century serfs.

So why then do some Canadians, not just politicians - treat tax cuts like a leper about to enter a swimming pool? (Our apologies to those with leprosy.) Here are our answers to some of the assumptions as well as why the concerns about tax cuts are overwrought.

### Taxes are staying level

Sorry, ain't true. User fees are higher, the de-indexation of tax brackets by Ottawa and the provinces (tax brackets have not

been adjusted for inflation since 1992) has pushed 18% of Canadians into higher tax brackets. Over 1 million low-income Canadians now pay taxes because of de-indexation, also known as "bracket creep."

Also, Canada Pension Plan premiums are due to rise by \$3,100 per working Canadian over the next six years thanks to an agreement between Alberta and Ottawa.

### Debt reduction

Some argue tax cuts will endanger debt reduction. Nonsense. The province is way ahead of its scheduled debt reduction, and can find money for new spending but not tax relief to make up for tax hikes in user fees, bracket creep and CPP taxes. Why?

Besides, high taxes are a drag on economic growth and are job killers. That's why the U.S. unemployment rate is almost half that of Canada's. Taxes are a bit like dirt in your car's oil. The more dirt - the more damage. A small tax cut won't make much difference now - we do need significant tax reduction in the long-term, but long-term and deep tax reduction will allow the economy to flourish and stabilize.

Those who argue tax cuts make no difference to an economy are ignoring common sense. Would the person who earns \$15,000 not benefit if he

did not have to pay any taxes next year? Would someone who pays 50% of their income in taxes not spend and invest differently if they only paid 30% every year? Would that not benefit the economy?

Tax cuts are the seeds of future long-term economic growth. That will expand the economic pie and ensure surpluses to continue paying down the debt.

### The polls tell us Canadians don't want tax cuts

This is one you'll hear from politicians. First of all, it's untrue. Two recent polls from Angus Reid and Compas show Canadians think debt reduction should be the number one priority for surpluses, with tax cuts at least as high as new spending in terms of priorities.

Besides, it's nonsense for politicians to claim they must wait for polls to cut taxes. Did you ever see a politician wait for a poll before raising your taxes? This line that politicians like to peddle, "I'm being principled by refusing this call for tax cuts" is really quite pathetic. Where were their principles when they were raising taxes and saddling this country with debt? Tax cuts are about providing room for Canadians to breathe, to pay down their own debts, to be able to live their lives without having to fork over half of this country's wealth to politicians and bureaucrats.

## MACARONI

By Garth Ukrainetz



'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

## FROM THE MAILBAG

### Who is Jesus? There are many answers

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to Pastor Richard Pahl's article in the *Way of Life*: "We didn't know who you was" from the Dec. 3 Review.

Who is this Jesus?

Born not in a palace but born of a virgin whom they called "Emmanuel" God with us.

Who's name is "wonderful, counsellor - the mighty God - the Prince of peace, the everlasting father.

Born in a stable for there was no room for him in the inn.

Who was sought out by humble shepherds who heard the heavenly hosts.

Who was visited by wise men following a star - bringing costly gifts.

Who is this Jesus who at twelve was heard talking and asking questions of the doctors and teachers.

Of whom John the Baptist said, "Behold the lamb of God"

Who following his baptism experienced the descending of the spirit and a voice saying, "This is my beloved son of whom I am well pleased."

Who resisted the temptations of the devil with the words, "It is written."

Who chose twelve ordinary men to follow him - one a much despised tax collector - another a 'doubter' - one who would eventually deny him and another who would betray him.

Who is this Jesus who went about 'doing good, teaching, preaching, healing.'

Anointed to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind - setting them at liberty that were bruised.

Who is this Jesus who reached out - healing the lame, the blind the deaf and the maimed.

Who fed 5,000 with seven loaves and two fishes.

Of whom it was said, "the common people heard him gladly."

Who spoke of "turning the other cheek" - "going the second mile." The hairs on our head being numbered, the falling of a sparrow the beauty of the lily, sow seeds, a lost sheep, coin and son.

Who loved sinners, forgave their sin, restored the lost.

Who taught us to love him as he loved, to forgive as he for-

gave.

Who is this Jesus who said of himself, "I am the bread of life, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life, the way of the truth and the life."

Who lived only thirty years.

Who was at first welcomed with palm leaves and shouts of "hosannah"

Who later heard the cries, "Crucify him, crucify him."

Who carried not weapons, but a towel to wash feet.

Who was a man acquainted with grief.

Who was betrayed with thirty pieces of silver.

Who bore our grief, carried our sorrow, was wounded for our transgressions, was bruised for our iniquities and by who's stripes we were healed.

Whom they delivered unto death, crowning him with a crown of thorns.

Of whom Pilate asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Who loved us so much that he spread out his arms on the cross and died for our sin, that we might live.

Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.

Who on the cross said, "Father forgive them" Today thou shalt be with me in paradise. "Son, behold thy mother - mother behold thy son."

Who cried "I thirst", he who had so freely given of the living water.

Who lived, died, was raised from the dead that we might have eternal life.

Whom God raised from the grave that could not hold him.

Who is this Jesus who is the author, and finisher of our faith, the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega.

Who remains the same yesterday, today and forever.

Who promised that he would never leave us or forsake us.

Who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Who cries, "If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink."

Who is this Jesus, he is the only son of God, he is God.

He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Before whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord.

This the Jesus we come to celebrate.

Margaret Fradley  
Didsbury

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### Help those Didsburians in need this Christmas

Dear Editor,

Christmas is drawing very near and with the wonderful weather we are enjoying we all are trying to catch the excitement of Christmas. You may like to be a part of the annual gift wrapping Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. All hands are welcomed as we wrap each present that will be included in our estimated 80 hampers. The excitement abounds as families gather to wrap the toys etc. found for each person. Why not be a part of the team?

Or maybe, you find for one reason or another you will be alone this Christmas and you would like to spend Christmas with friends. The annual Olde Time Christmas Dinner is founded just for you. Located at the Didsbury Elks

Hall at 1 p.m. you will find many smiling faces and good home cooked food to make your Christmas Day transformed from lonely to a treasure house of memories. Open to all for no charge. Please phone to reserve a spot, Linda Sirr 335-2378 or the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 335-3629 Tuesday to Thursday 10 to 4 p.m. or Linda Sirr at 335-2378. Deadline for names is Friday, Dec. 19. The hampers will be distributed on Dec. 22.

The Christmas Helpers are still collecting toys at the Post Office, non-perishable food at AG Foods or money at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. The financial donations are used for the purchase of turkeys and additional food. Thank you for all the creative means people have used to make this program a success.

The reason for the forming of

the Christmas Helpers was to bring the spirit of Christmas to those in our area who are struggling each month to make ends meet for one reason or another. If you know of a family who can use this kind of help this year please phone the name and phone number to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 335-3629 Tuesday to Thursday 10 to 4 p.m. or Linda Sirr at 335-2378. Deadline for names is Friday, Dec. 19. The hampers will be distributed on Dec. 22. Thank you to all who contributed and all who have helped to make this program a success.

May the Lord truly pour his blessing on you and your family this Christmas time.

Yours truly,  
Linda Sirr

### Good news, no Dutch Elm Disease re-siding in Didsbury's tree population

Dear Editor,

The Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease has completed an elm tree inventory in Didsbury. We found 166 elms on public and private property. This inventory provides basic information needed to protect elm trees.

The cornerstone to any Dutch Elm Disease Management Program must be a consistent sanitation program. This includes preventative pruning to remove dead, weakened or damaged branches which eliminate breeding material for the elm bark beetle. Pruning and trimming

should be carried out between Oct. 1 and March 21 to avoid attracting the elm bark beetle. Optimum plant health through watering and fertilization is also recommended along with the above.

Support and cooperation from the citizens and town of Didsbury in this province wide initiative is essential (if we are) to keep Alberta free of Dutch Elm Disease.

Nöel Wideman  
Society to Prevent  
Dutch Elm Disease

### Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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### DIDSBURY AQUATIC CENTRE - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 1, 1997 - January 4, 1998

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			Teen Festive 9:10-30 pm	EARLY BIRD 7-10 50+ LUNCH 12-1	PUBLIC 10-12 LAP 12-1 PUBLIC 1-4 FAMILY 4-5:30 PUBLIC 7-8:30	LAP 1-2 FAMILY 2-3:30 PUBLIC 3:30-5 FAM 6:30-8:30
EARLY BIRD 6-9 LAP/FAM 12-1 PUBLIC 1-4:30 PUBLIC 5:30-7 FAMILY 7-8:30 TEEN 8:30-9:30	EARLY BIRD 7-9 LAP/FAM 12-1 PUBLIC 1-5 FAMILY 6-8 ADULT 8-9	PUBLIC 10-3	CLOSED - Merry Christmas!	PUBLIC 1-5 RENTALS AVAILABLE	PUBLIC 10-12 LAP 12-1 PUBLIC 1-4 FAMILY 4-5:30 PUBLIC 7-8:30	LAP 1-2 FAMILY 2-3:30 PUBLIC 3:30-5 FAM 6:30-8:30
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December 22, 1997 - January 2, 1998

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	PUBLIC SKATE 1-3:30	PUBLIC SKATE 1-3	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	PUBLIC SKATE 1-3:30 Rentals Available	DISSBURY MINOR HOCKEY	ZONE HOCKEY TOURNEY
ZONE HOCKEY TOURNEY	ZONE HOCKEY TOURNEY	PUBLIC SKATE 1-3:30	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	PUBLIC SKATE 1-3:30	DMH GAMES	DMH GAMES

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## Prevent tragedy: A night at a fatal accident caused by alcohol

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to parents of all young people everywhere. I am writing in response to some of the questions you ask me daily. I am not one police officer, but I represent every officer in every (community) in Canada.

You may only know me as the cop who gave you a ticket last summer, but I am also the guy who lives down the street from you. I am a parent of three children and I share with you the same hope, ambition and dreams that you have for your children.

I am faced with the same problems you have. I share with you those moments of agony and ecstasy. I share with you the feelings of shame, guilt and disappointment when my boy or girl gets in trouble.

The scene is a long stretch of highway, with a sharp curve at one end. It had been raining and the roads were slick. A car travelling in excess of 80 MPH misses the curve and plows into an embankment where it then becomes airborne and strikes a tree.

At this point, two of the three young persons are hurled from the vehicle, one into the tree, the other onto the roadway where the car lands on him, snuffing out his life like a discarded cigarette on the asphalt. He is killed instantly, and he is the lucky one.

The girl thrown into the tree has her neck broken and although she was voted queen of the senior prom, the most likely to succeed, she will now spend the next 60 years of her life in a wheelchair. Unable to do any-

thing else, she will live and relive that terrible moment over and over again many times.

When I arrive, the car has come to rest on its top, the broken wheels have stopped spinning. Smoke and steam pour out of the engine, ripped from its mounting by a terrible force.

An eerie calm has settled over the scene and it appears deserted except for the lone traveller who called it in. He is sick to his stomach and leaning against his car for support.

The driver is conscious but in shock and unable to free himself from under the bent, twisted steering column. His face will be forever scarred by deep cuts from the broken glass and jagged metal. Those cuts will heal, but the ones inside cannot be touched by the skilled surgeon's scalpel.

The third passenger has almost stopped bleeding. His broken bone end protrudes from his forearm just below the elbow. His breath comes in gasps as he tries desperately to suck air past his blood-filled airway. He is unable to speak, and his eyes, blue and fixed on me pleadingly, are the only communication that he is terrified and wants my help.

I feel a pang of guilt and recognize him as the boy I let off with a warning the other night for an open container of alcohol in his car. Maybe if I had cited him then, he wouldn't be here now. Who knows? I don't.

He dies soundlessly in my arms, his pale blue eyes staring vacantly as if trying to see into the future he will never have. I remember, watching him play

basketball and wonder what will happen to the scholarship he will never use.

Dully, my mind focuses on loud screaming and I identify it as the girl who was thrown from the vehicle. I race to her with blanket, but am afraid to move her.

Her head is tilted at an exaggerated angle. She seems unaware of my presence there and whimper for her mother like a little child.

In the distance I hear the mournful wail of the ambulance winding its way through the rainy night. I am filled with incredible grief at the waste of so valuable a resource - our youth.

I am sick with anger and frustration with parents and leaders who think that a little bit of alcohol won't hurt anything. I am filled with contempt for people who propose lowering the drinking age because they will get booze anyway, so why not make it legal. I am frustrated with laws, court rulings and other legal manoeuvring that restrict my ability to do my job in preventing this kind of tragedy.

The ambulance begins the job of scraping up and removing the dead and injured.

I stand by watching as hot tears mingle with rain and drip off my cheeks. I would give anything to know who furnished these young people with that booze.

As I clear the scene, I will spend several hours on reports and several months trying to release from my memory the details of that night. I will not be alone. The injured will re-

cover and spend a lifetime trying to forget. I know that eventually the memory of this fatal accident will be diluted and mixed with other similar accidents I will be called upon to cover.

Yes, I am angry and sick at heart with trying to do my job and being tagged a bad guy. I pray to God that I might never have to face another parent in the middle of the night and say your son, Bill, or your daughter, Susan, has just been killed in a car accident.

You ask me why this happened? It happened because a young person, stoned out his mind thought he could handle two tons of hurling steel at 80 MPH. It happened because an adult trying to be a "Good Guy" bought for or sold to some minor or a case of beer.

Because you, as parents, weren't concerned enough about your child to know where he was and what he was doing, and you were unconcerned about minors and alcohol abuse

and would rather blame me for harassing them when I was only trying to prevent this kind of tragedy.

It happened because, as people say, you believe this sort of thing only happens to someone else.

For your sake, I hope it doesn't happen to you, but if you continue to regard alcohol abuse as a part of growing up, then please keep your porch light on, because come cold, rainy night, you will find me at your doorstep, eyes downcast, staring at my feet, with message of death for you.

*This was signed by the "cop down the street" and reprinted from the Cold Lake Courier. Even if this article saves one person's life or prevents a serious accident, it will be well worth the effort of this write-up.*

**Gus Stankoven,**

B.C.

Submitted by Bev White,  
Didsbury.

## Clarification on large vehicle safety discussions

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter from Alan Holt, President of the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers.

In his letter, Mr. Holt alleges Alberta Transportation and Utilities is attempting to hide behind the guise of safety by proposing regulatory changes that affect all farm truck-trailer units over 24,300 kg gross vehicle weight (GVW). Mr. Holt calls this an "aggressive tax grab."

Alberta law requires that all regulations undergo regular review, every five years. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure that our thousands of pages of regulations are still meeting the needs of the Albertans they affect. When any regulation is reviewed, we essentially ask three questions: should this regulation remain as it is; should this regulation be changed; is this regulation still needed?

I want to clarify the discussions that are taking place on large farm vehicle safety. We are not proposing any changes, we are simply asking for input.

The Highway Traffic Act and Motor Transport Act are part of this year's review, and the discussion paper has been sent to individuals and agricultural and rural organizations asking how vehicles in excess of 24,300 kg GVW

should be handled when it comes to safety issues.

This is indeed a safety issue, and all of the farmers and truckers we have heard from agree that safety is the real issue. With the increased number of large farm vehicles on highways travelling greater distances, we are all concerned about ensuring the safety of every Albertan who uses our highway system.

We are not looking at subjecting any farm vehicle that are not "for hire" commercial carriers to any changes regarding license plates. We are only looking at when and how those large farm vehicles should undergo periodic safety inspections. All farm vehicles are already subject to random, roadside inspections and this will continue.

We are seeking comments on the additional, periodic safety inspections only and not on any other restrictions or increases in fees because those are not being considered.

I want to reassure farmers and others that they will have a say and be heard before any final changes are considered regarding the safe operation of large farm vehicles on Alberta's highway system.

Albertans wishing to provide feedback are invited to respond by Feb. 2, 1998 to my office at 427-2080 or to Peter Dawes (415-0687) or Jim

Bedingfield (427-8901) with the department. For toll-free connection outside Edmonton, dial 310-0000.

Sincerely,  
Walter Paszkowski,  
Minister of Alberta  
Transportation and  
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The Board Members of the Rosebud Health Foundation wish to thank all those who have supported the future delivery of health care in our towns and districts this past year.

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## Residential Garbage Collection Schedule

This is to notify you that the weeks of Dec. 22-26 and Dec. 29 to Jan. 2, there will be **NO** disruption of regularly scheduled residential garbage collection service.



## TAXES

Property taxes can be paid on a monthly basis with the Town of Didsbury. To be eligible for the monthly tax program, all outstanding taxes must be paid. For further information, please contact Brenda Hemming at the Town Office before January 15, 1998.

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# Task Force and local doctors not in unison

**Regional Health Authority #5 and Ahmad seeking placement of two more doctors, one female**

By Ceiliidh McClurg

Local physician, Dr. Moe Ahmad has asked the Didsbury and District Hospital Task Force to cool their heels and try to regenerate positive feelings between them and the Regional Health Authority.

He says he believes any realignment, especially with Calgary, would present what could be a worse scenario than, what he feels, is currently taking place.

"We are quite happy with this region (Regional Health Authority #5)," says Ahmad.

It was that message that he and other hospital staff, including all of the doctors, took to the Task Force at their meeting last week.

Ahmad conveyed his concerns that because Calgary is such a big region, that the future of the hospital could be in even worse jeopardy.

"They are so busy with their own big hospitals in Calgary that they are not going to be bothered with a little hospital like us. We might get lost... We could get swallowed up by a big region like that," he says.

The Task Force has been pursuing a health care services review for the area, because they believe it will point to the fact that the majority of people in the area are using Calgary's health services already.

Dorothy Moore-Anderson, chair of the Task Force, said a study concluding that 65% of patients in the area are going to

Calgary or Red Deer to get health care, emphasizes the Task Force's assertion that the current alignment is not appropriate. The fear has been that because the local area is aligned with Drumheller, which is against natural traffic flow, every time a patient leaves the region for service, the hospital loses money. The less money is available, the less doctors are hired, and that lowers the selection and quality of service.

Moore-Anderson says a Services delivery review would bring the issue into focus. However, to this date, the Task Force has been denied the right to carry one out, despite information that Calgary would be interested in expanding their boundaries. The current Calgary boundary goes as far north as Crossfield.

"We need to have a definitive answer on how our needs will be best served," she says. "We are looking at what is best for the district and not what is best for the region (Health Authority)."

Ahmad said he was surprised by the news that the Task Force was looking at becoming part of Calgary's Region because he said he had heard nothing about it. But that will change. A doctor has been appointed to the Task Force for all future meetings, because anything that happens will surely affect them.

"Any route that is taken has to be discussed with the medical staff," says Ahmad.

The Task Force was formed out of a public meeting where

more than 600 locals came to express their concerns early this year. People in the area were feeling frustration with the Regional Health Authority that has stemmed from what has been called, "a drastic lack of communication." Some of the worries that were expressed on questionnaires that were filled out at the public meeting indicated worries about the low number of doctors in the area, and how the region planned to address those concerns.

The Task Force has been told by the region that there are a sufficient amount of doctors in Didsbury and area, a message that was conveyed again a few weeks ago in comments from the region's chief executive officer, Jim Ramsbottom.

When the Town of Didsbury chose to attend a physicians recruitment fair, they were told that they could offer no incentives, monetary or otherwise. The town attended the fair anyway.

The Task Force expressed frustration that the region was not supportive in their quest to attract new doctors. Even Ahmad admits having a couple of more doctors in the region would be "heavenly." He says in an area with few doctors, there is a hectic on call schedule and high stress for the doctors.

However, Ahmad says he doesn't feel the same reluctance to cooperate that the Task Force does.

In fact, he says, a doctor from

British Columbia is scheduled to arrive in Didsbury this coming summer.

Also, just last week Ahmad received a letter from a placement agency, suggesting that a female doctor would be interested in coming to Didsbury.

Ahmad explains, "I have set the wheels in motion." He has called Ramsbottom who has said he will be setting up an interview with the woman.

"There is an example that we are not just sitting idle... The region is definitely helping," says Ahmad.

He adds that he has also been actively seeking residency students, who often stay in the community after finishing their residency. However, the difficulty he has run into, is that the University of Calgary says their students must go to a rural hospital which is 82 kilometres away from the nearest big centre. Didsbury is only 80 kilometres. Ahmad says he is continuing discussion in an attempt to bring residents here anyway.

Another recruitment incentive that has been suggested by the doctors of the area, is that the town buy the clinic and set up a board to run it. Ahmad explains that this would reduce overhead costs and would ensure that everyone within the clinic would be treated equally. He says he worked in a clinic like this in Saskatchewan and felt it was one of the most comfortable situations he had par-

ticipated in.

Moore-Anderson, also a town councillor, says that would be an idealistic situation however, the town's mandate is not to be landlords.

Besides, she adds, "We don't have the money to buy the clinic. We have a very high debt load already and we certainly would not just jump out and do that."

In addition to the monetary obstacle, Moore-Anderson says, "It is the region's responsibility to recruit doctors. They have incentive programs, but they are just using them in other areas."

Ahmad says he believes a solution could be worked out between the towns, the region, and the doctors if everyone worked in unison.

"The future for us is to work in harmony. Unity will bring us more success than if each us works on the problem individually," he says.

Members of the public who are concerned should speak to the president of the hospital at 335-9393, whose responsibility it is to take those concerns to the region.

Moore-Anderson adds that the town may hold another public meeting in the new year to see what route the residents want to take.

The Task Force has also sent a letter directly to the Minister to request that he come to Didsbury, or at least meet with the Task Force personally to better get a grip on their concerns.

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As we take time this Christmas to reflect on the birth of Christ, Dot and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes during our rather difficult medical year.

We are thankful for this season; a season of remembering where to turn with all our personal needs and the needs of our country.

We wish each and everyone a very joyful season. May your families receive the gift of all gifts, good health and happiness. God bless you all.

Myron & Dot Thompson

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Christmas is a very special time as families gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. In doing so, it gives all of us an opportunity to renew family relationships and community friendships as well. It is indeed a magical time of year.

It is our sincere wish that you have a wonderful holiday filled with good friends and joyful times. May the miracle of Christmas inspire you with its hope, promise and love through the coming year.

Richard & Jan Marz

Richard Marz, MLA  
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

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May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season, prevail again on earth.

May hateful persecution and wanton aggression cease.

May man live in freedom and security, worshiping as he sees fit, loving his fellow man.

May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme.

- Sunshine Magazine!

On behalf of County Council I extend to you all very best wishes for the coming year. May your Christmas be a joyous one and each day blessed with good will and happiness in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Pat James, Reeve

# Residents okay move

By Ceilidh McClurg

And the survey says....

Apparently, according to the survey sent out by town office, people are more willing to be inconvenienced than to pay higher taxes.

The survey was questioning residents on which route they wished the Town of Didsbury to take when trying to find a new home for the local RCMP.

A number of possibilities have been examined since this issue arose almost two years ago. The town administration put together a cost analysis outlining seven options.

The town says they have received about 52 returned surveys. They indicate that about 62% of respondents said they travel to town office as part of their regular route of downtown business and would be slightly inconvenienced by moving the office out of the downtown core.

However, residents seemed even less enthused about swallowing a hike in taxes to cover the cost of building a new detachment at a total cost of about \$1.5 million. Almost 70% said they would not be willing to pay more taxes.

Comments on the questionnaires ranged from "Go for it!" to "No more taxes!" and "My taxes have already jumped \$400 this past year alone. We have enough empty buildings in Didsbury that would benefit being used if needed."

Another respondent said, "Moving the RCMP to the present town office seems to be the most practical and economical solution."

Two of the seven options, moving the RCMP into town office and the town office moving to the courthouse or moving the RCMP into the courthouse, seem the most feasible according to Didsbury's chief administrative officer, Evan Parliament.

The problem is that the provincial department of justice has put a quash on the least expensive of those two, which is moving the RCMP into the west half of the provincial court building (The old Didsbury Health Unit). The Minister of Justice has stated that there is not a clear enough divisive line between the courts and those who enforce the law, which there needs to be.

One resident who answered the survey believed that may have been a ridiculous call on the provincial end.

"If we had a decent provincial government our RCMP could move to the former health unit - since we don't, moving around is fine with us."

Another said, "Let's get some loot off of 'Ralph,' he's getting enough taxes out of this area."

Parliament explains it is the town's responsibility to provide adequate facilities for the RCMP because the staff is used as the town's own police service.

That leaves the option of moving the town office to the courthouse location and moving the RCMP into the town office building downtown at a cost of about \$250,000.

It became clear that the local RCMP were in need of a new facility because of space con-

straints a couple of years ago and the town has been struggling for a solution ever since. RCMP headquarters deemed the current building unfit, especially with the increased amount of prisoners being handled locally since the regional court house was relocated to Didsbury.

Sgt. Ron Platz explains that they currently have only one cell, when logically they need at least three, one for youth, one for males, and one for females.

To this point, when there are too many prisoners in the building at the same time, Platz says the police are having to do drastic things like handcuffing a prisoner to a radar camera in the general office area.

"The situation is totally unacceptable right now and has been for a long time," said Platz. "We have a great risk of someone escaping custody."

Besides the town RCMP officers, there are also four members based out of the detachment that are considered rural officers, for which the RCMP headquarters pays rent for their share of the space.

Parliament says that is why he believes it is important to keep the detachment in a municipally owned building, like town office, so that the \$2500 per month in rent for rural officers comes back to the town to put towards policing, instead of losing that money to a private building owner, which would occur in the case of moving the detachment to a privately owned facility.

A couple of those responding to the questionnaire did suggest alternative locations like the Ale Payer building, or the Sears building for the RCMP. However, Parliament says these options are still not as cost efficient of retro-fitting the town office for RCMP use.

Someone even suggested building a second floor onto the existing RCMP location.

Not everyone was opposed to paying more taxes to build a new detachment and leaving town office where it is.

"I believe the town office should stay downtown. Local government offices need to be accessible to the ratepayers," said one resident.

Another said, "I do not feel municipal government should be dealing in real estate - this should be private sector. The town office should remain where it is accessible - where it is right now."

In total 14 people responded that moving town office would be a terrible inconvenience and exactly the same number answered that they would be willing to pay more in taxes to fund another option.

Parliament says the town realizes that because of the size of the town a great number of people walk downtown to do their business. So, they have considered putting a computer station and an employee somewhere like the library to enable residents to take care of simple tasks, like paying utility bills.

At the town council meeting last week, the councillors received the summarized survey results as information only. A final decision will be made early in the new year.



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# Parking creating havoc at schools

By Ceilidh McClurg

Parents and school staff who were feeling frustrated with congested parking in and around the schools, have acted quickly in an attempt to resolve the problem.

At the last town council meeting, they appointed Wes Yeoman, town engineer and Coun. Don Watt to a committee formed by the three schools to address the problem. An RCMP representative as well as representation from parents and teachers of each of the three schools sat on the committee.

They agreed that one of the main problems is that there is a lack of parking area for Ross Ford parents who often drive their children to school and pick them up afterwards.

The committee has come up with a proposal to build a new parking lot.

The proposed parking lot would be located between Westglen School and Ross Ford Elementary. But, Yeoman cautions that discussion is very preliminary and no concrete decisions will be made until a cost analysis is worked out.

He explains the problem is that power poles for the area run in through that location and if a new parking lot were to be built there the school would have to cover the costs of either moving those poles or running them underground. It could be an out of reach cost for the schools says

Yeoman. The Chinook's Edge School Board would have to pay for any solution. Although, the town has kicked in a few hundred dollars worth of signs to be cooperative.

In the interim, a number of solutions will take effect as soon as possible.

First, the old signage on the west side of 23 Street that indicated "No stopping from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m." will be replaced with signage stating, "Parallel parking 30 minute maximum."

Second, on the east side of that street that directed "No parking from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m." will be changed to read, "No parking any time."

To enforce parking regulations, the town will paint the curbs yellow to emphasize that there is no parking within a certain distance from the curb.

Also, one "No stopping" sign and one "No exit" sign will be placed in the laneway off 23 Street.

All of these responsibilities will lay with the Town of Didsbury.

However, the school must take the responsibility of installing a chain at the south end of the Westglen staff parking in order to restrict access to the laneway. (The town will provide two checkerboard signs).

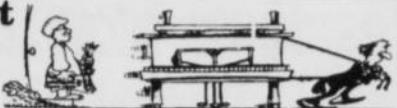
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# RCMP notes

## Man duped by home repair scam

Red Deer RCMP are currently investigating two related incidents of home renovation fraud in the area northeast of Red Deer. The victim, an 88 year old man living by himself, was the same in both incidents. The first was in August of 1997 when two white males, aged in their 20s and 50s approached the victim and offered to paint his two sheds for \$925. When completed, the advised him that the cost was \$925 each for a total cost of \$1,850. The victim felt intimidated and paid them. On Nov. 11, 1997 the same two men again approached this victim and offered to seal the cracks in his basement for \$34. The victim agreed and the work was done in about 15 minutes. The two men then advised the victim that the cost of the job was not \$34, but \$3,400. Using extreme intimidation the victim gave the two men all the money he had in the house. They took it, advising him that they would be back for the rest. To date, neither man has shown up.

The older man is described as being in his 50s, light colored hair, clean shaven, no glasses and writes with his right hand. The second man is only described as in his 20s and slim. All persons are urged to be aware of these home repair scams and to encourage that any elderly people under their care or guidance are cautioned not to accept any offers of home repair without first checking with a trusted friend or family member. Any person having information on this home renovation fraud are asked to contact Red Deer Rural RCMP. Ask for the investigating officer Cst. Laroche.

## Innisfail youth kidnapped

On Dec. 9 at approximately 6 p.m. the Innisfail RCMP received a complaint of a male who stated he was kidnapped by Gerard Theodore Stark, 38, of Innisfail. Investigation revealed that the victim was taken to a rural area located west of Innisfail, the victim was taken out of his vehicle at gun point and tied up. After a few hours, Stark drove the victim to a residence in Innisfail. The victim received minor injuries that were treated at the Innisfail Hospital and was later released.

The Red Deer emergency response team attended the Stark residence and took him into custody without incident. Stark is charged with five criminal code offences: kidnapping, assault with a weapon, pointing a firearm, obstructing justice and breach of undertaking.

Also charged with kidnapping are two youths who cannot be identified under the young offenders act.

## Man charged with breaking into vending machines

On Thursday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 p.m. a Hall monitor at the Olds College observed an adult male subject in the concession area of the College and confronted this individual. Subsequently after being challenged the male subject took flight and ran out of the college out to his vehicle. This individual was later apprehended by the RCMP on Hwy. #2 near Carstairs.

Subsequent investigation revealed that this individual had attempted to break into vending machines in the Duncan Marshall Place. The suspect was identified as Royce Dewar, 30, of Calgary. He is facing the following charges:

Two counts of theft of money of a value under \$5,000. One count of possession of stolen property of a value under \$5,000 and one count of unlawful possession of instruments suitable for breaking into coin-operated devices.



## Break and enter at Didsbury Esso

By Ceilidh McClurg

Employees at the Didsbury Esso showed up at work last Monday morning only to realize they had no money to open with.

The culprits somehow climbed onto the roof of the building and actually cut a hole to obtain access inside.

Once inside they helped themselves to a large number of ciga-

rettes and stole a safe and all of its contents that was bolted into the cement floor.

The estimated value of the stolen contents is reaching beyond the \$10,000 mark.

Police says they don't have any leads right now, but believe there may be someone in the public who saw something early that morning.

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# Door begins to open for horse barns

By Ceilidh McClurg

The town council said they wanted more information about the proposed new horse barns north of the Wheat Pool, and they got it.

Members of the committee, who are proposing to build a 60 foot by 200 foot portable horse barn complex, brought with them slides of a similar project in Claresholm and a complete budget outline.

The committee is asking for the town to release matching Community Facility Enhancement dollars for the \$212,350 complex.

A great deal of discussion regarding the "what-ifs" of the project took place among council members. However in the end they did approve the total project cost subject to re-zoning of the property, compliance with CFEP requirements, obtaining a development permit, and also obtaining a building permit.

"I think everyone likes the project. It is just that there are many questions," said town chief administrative officer, Evan Parliament. "We are looking to make sure the loopholes are closed."

The information was almost sent back to the Community Services Advisory Board for the second time, however with a great deal of frustration, committee member Coun. Dorothy Moore-Anderson asked that the council take a step ahead.

Coun. Gayle Veno agreed and said that the motion passed was exactly that. "That is what they wanted. It is a step ahead and not

just us tabling it again."

The reason for the push forward is because, committee chairman, Gord Krebs, said they want to get moving and have it built and ready for use in time for the spring horse shows.

The presentation reported that the group wishing to build the horse barns had gone to a great deal of work to raise a large number of funds already.

"We think we are moving along quite quickly (with fundraising)," said project presenter, Don Speers.

The County of Mountain View has agreed to lease the land, which they own, for a token cost of \$1 per year.

In addition to the \$15,000 value of the land, the committee has also obtained commitments for \$9000 from the Didsbury Light Horse Association, who will take care of the daily operations of the proposed barns.

The Didsbury Agricultural Society has kicked in \$9000, and in just two weeks they have obtained commitments for \$12,000 in stall pledges.

The stall sponsorships are at a cost of \$500 each. A family or business can purchase a stall and a plaque will be placed on the one of the 78 stalls inside stating their involvement.

Also to be donated is 1005 hours of labour for a value of \$10,500; cash donations totaling \$350, and in-kind gifts of \$250. All of these donations come to a total of \$55,150.

"I think we've shown that the community is behind us," said

Speers.

Mayor Ray Lea commented to Speers and Krebs, "Once you've got some confirmation that it is a go ahead, you'll really be able to raise funds."

Council was also given a complete outline of what costs will be incurred and how they will be paid for.

One concern raised by town administration was that the budget only showed \$8000 for town services like extending the water main and hooking up utilities. Town engineer, Wes Yeoman said that was far underestimated. Speers replied that may be true, however, as time goes on, the committee is finding that costs like design will be included in the price of the building so it would balance out.

The committee had hoped the council would agree to give their matching funds, however council said they wish to wait until all of the stipulations of the approval went through before issuing any dollars. The town would be held responsible if the CFEP funds grants were denied provincially and money had already been given locally.

The reason this horse barn committee has been formed is because it is felt that Didsbury may be missing the opportunity to generate economic growth via horse shows because of the current barn facilities.

"The stalls are dangerous for horses," says Gord Krebs. The old white barns across the street from the Memorial Complex have been in disrepair for a long

time and whereas Didsbury used to host about 16 horse shows per year, there are now only a couple.

Krebs says a study has been done indicating that for each horse that is brought into town,

the horse owner spends about \$300 in a weekend.

It is hoped the portable stalls in the building could be removed and the complex would attract other things like 4-H shows, livestock sales, and perhaps even some sporting events. "We want to emphasize that the building would be multi-use," said Krebs.

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# In Business



THEY'RE WATCHING TO SEE WHO IS NAUGHTY ...

Staff members from Didsbury Drugs get advice from RCMP Const. Miles Peckham on how to prevent shoplifting during the holiday season at their store. Shoplifting is a year round problem in the retail business, but as the holiday season approaches the larger crowds make it harder for employees to spot potential thieves.

## Recycling depot receives major boost

By Ceilidh McClurg

In this day of environmentally friendly attitudes the goal has been to make recycling easier for consumers so they will in turn keep their recyclables out of the landfill.

The Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Authority (MVRWSA) obviously agreed that the Didsbury Lions Club Recycling Project needed a boost to make it easier to handle increased 'green attitudes.' They have given a grant to the depot of \$12,500 to keep the program alive.

Wes Yeoman, town engineer, who participated in making the request to the Authority, said the money will be put to work right away to improve the local depot that is located next to the bottle depot.

"It (the improvements) will all happen over winter," said Yeoman.

The plans include spending \$3000 to buy and install a large garage door at the rear of the building. Yeoman explains this will make it easier when residents drop off their recyclable materials. Apparently, what is happening now is that the loading process is awkward and often gets in the way of customers dropping off materials because both must use the front door.

Another planned undertaking to purchase four new bins in order to accommodate the increased volume of materials being received at the depot, Yeoman says currently over the weekend the bins get so full they begin to overflow by Monday morning and create quite an eyesore.

"With more bins and more storage space it should all be less of a mess," he said.

He adds that volumes of recyclable material being dropped off at the depot has increased 33%

over the past year.

"It's probably because of the three bag garbage limit," he says.

That increase in volume is in despite of the fact the depot, which operated by the Lion's Club and paid for by the town, has quit accepting certain materials due to lack of demand in the marketplace.

For instance, the recycling depot no longer accepts glass because the cost efficiency of that material was out of reach. As well, effective this week, the depot will not be taking mixed plastics (they will take milk jugs) and Yeoman explains nobody in the marketplace wants these materials.

As it is, the depot is not a revenue drawing venture. The Lion's run the project and sell to outsiders what the locals bring in. However, the resale value of the product is not enough that it can keep the depot alive. Therefore, the town also pays what they

call a "diversionary credit" of \$20 per tonne of paper products and \$40 per tonne of plastic to help blanket the operating costs.

Yeoman explains another high cost expense of the depot is transportation. The town council recently decided to sell the existing not road worthy trailer and use \$7,500 of the Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Authority grant to purchase a new trailer instead of having to contract out the shipping of recycled materials. Yeoman says they are hoping for a decent return on the sale of the existing trailer to put additional funds towards a new one.

The MVRWSA receives provincial grants from Alberta Environmental Protection's "Action on Waste" initiative. That money is then funnelled through the authority to the different towns in the county to ignite and to support solid waste reduction initiatives.

## C-4 delay gives reprieve

The coalition of farm and business organizations against Bill C-4, the new Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Act, is pleased the legislation has been delayed until after Christmas.

Coalition members conducted an intensive lobbying effort while the legislation was considered by a parliamentary committee and in the House of Commons.

Those efforts appear to have paid off with the legislation on hold until after the Christmas break.

"We sincerely hope our message is getting through," says coalition spokesperson Kevin Archibald. "This legislation is not what farmers have asked for."

Archibald says he hopes the delay is a sign the government is rethinking the legislation.

"While Wheat Board reform is necessary, surely the federal government must be getting the message that this Bill is universally unpopular and will only depend the divisions among farmers," he says.

Coalition members are united in their opposition to Bill C-4 and the inclusion clause in particular.

The clause would allow crops to be added to the CWB monopoly.

"The entire grain marketing debate of recent years has focused on farmers' demands for more marketing options," says Archibald. "This Bill does an 180 degree turn."

The coalition is also concerned the inclusion clause is a threat to value-added investments and sends the wrong message to Canada's trading partners, says Archibald.

Coalition members promise to keep up the pressure on the government to substantially rewrite or even withdraw the legislation before it's considered by MPs again in the New Year.

The 12 member groups of the coalition are: the Canadian Canola Growers Association, Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association, Manitoba Canola Growers Association, Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Canadian Oilseed Processors Association, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Winnipeg Commodity Exchange, Western Barley Growers Association, Flax Growers of Western Canada, Oat Producers Association of Alberta, Alberta Winter Wheat Producers Commission and the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association.

## Deadline extended for submissions

Tom Thurber, MLA for Drayton Valley-Calmar and Chairman of the Agricultural Lease Review Committee, announced today the deadline for written submissions is being extended to December 31, 1997. The Committee is consulting with Albertans on issues regarding public land in the White (settled) Area of the province.

"As a result of the postal disruption, the Committee feels there may be those who have not yet been able to send us their

views," said Mr. Thurber. "Written comments are as important to the Committee as verbal presentations. I encourage anyone who has yet to send us comments to do it soon." To date, the Committee has received over 270 written comments.

Almost 2,000 people attended 23 public meetings in 20 locations around the province during late October and November and the Committee heard from 259 presenters during those meetings. "We are very pleased with the

quality and conviction of those who made presentations. It is a tribute to Albertans that differing views can be voiced in public meetings such as ours and be considered with respect by all those in attendance," said Mr. Thurber.

The views and suggestions received by the Committee will form the basis of an interim report that will be submitted to the Ministers of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and Environmental Protection, who jointly manage and administer public lands in

Alberta. The observations and recommendations of the Committee will be available for public review and comment later in 1998. After the public review is complete, a final report with recommendations for policy direction will be submitted to the two Ministers.

Written submissions, received by December 31, 1997, can be sent to: Agricultural Lease Review Committee #200, 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton AB T6H 5T6 Fax: (403) 422-4244 E-Mail: agric.lease.review@agric.gov.ab.ca

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Let's look at the beef industry as an example. What are some of the signs of change? Quality assurance programs, the national identification program, and value-based marketing are just some examples of change. Why are these programs coming into being? The consumer wants consistent, safe, quality products. If we give the consumer a tough, dry product, we'll lose market-share. That affects all cattle producers - cow/calf, backgrounder, finisher, processor. Measures are being taken within the industry to give the consumer (domestic or export) what they want. Forces are coming into place to reward those who produce quality cattle, source verify and meet food safety standards. What this will mean in the future, is that instead of the beef industry supporting mediocrity, where all are paid an average price,

price will be linked to quality.

Dr. Darrell Wilkes spoke at Managing Agriculture for Profit last winter on the topic of "Moving the Beef Industry into the 21st Century." He stated that the consumer wants quality which he defined as the benefit, divided by the price. He suggested that we could give the consumer more value, at a less expensive price, and still put more money into our own pockets if we could get rid of the inconsistency in the cattle industry. He referred to the "scrap pile" as the robber in this industry.

Many examples exist in the literature and in practice to suggest this is true. A recent article in *Beef Today* spoke of a branded beef program and a literal frenzy of value-based ventures. It suggested that value-based marketing efforts could jump from 1.5 million carcasses in 1996 to the three million mark in 1998. There is talk of selling on a grid system, source verifying and providing a safe and quality product.

A meat research brief from Texas A&M University stated that "for success in the remaining portion of this century, and for survivability for the next, cattle producers must target the market

more effectively and alter breeding and feeding practices to assure complete compliance with the specifications called for from their customers. They must meet the needs for quality and consistency."

Articles in *Alberta Beef* and other local publications are recently singing similar tunes.

Alliances will need to be built to make such systems work. All sectors of the industry must see benefit in breeding such animals, producing and feeding such animals. It will take cooperation. Some such alliances exist in the province today. For example, XL's Original Alberta Beef Program will pay a premium to those who provide fat animals meeting specific requirements. Western Feedlot is building alliances by buying on a grid system. This system aims to pass some of their premiums down to the producer when their animals fit into the target market.

Where does one begin to get a handle on these new concepts?

In an effort to help producers find markets and see where these markets might fit into their own farm program, the Rural Developments Specialists-Business, in conjunction with Mike Leslie of Nakodo Consulting Ltd., are presenting a series of workshops across the province called "If you Build it - will they come?" The workshop is divided into modules. Participants will learn what market focus means as well as an un-

derstanding of the consumer and niche markets. They will learn market research skills and techniques that will help them for years to come. Leslie specializes in assisting agricultural and agri-food business with market development.

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# Special crops and futures Bill addresses needs

An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act and the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act and to repeal the Grain Futures Act was tabled in the House of Commons on Dec. 4.

"The legislation reflects the government's willingness to meet the expressed needs of producers and other members of the grain industry," says Lyle Vanclef, Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and Minister responsible for the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC).

The Canadian Grain Act is being amended to facilitate the licensing of special crops dealers, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of the special crops industry.

The Grain Futures Act is being repealed in order to facilitate the development of non-grain contracts by the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange (WCE).

The legislation reflects the outcome of two separate consultation processes involving interested stakeholders, mostly located in Western Canada.

The amendments to the Canada Grain Act will provide a separate licensing and security program for the special crops industry in western

Canada.

The program will combine affordable licensing of special crops dealers with a voluntary insurance plan for producers.

The program will encourage the growth of the special crops industry by removing costly security requirements that have been perceived as an impediment to the expansion of the industry.

At the same time, financial

protection will be available to special crops producers if they choose to participate in the insurance plan.

The program will be simple to administer.

"For Canada to make further gains in the special crops industry we need a regulatory environment that allows all companies, large and small, to participate in marketing special crops."

This legislation will pro-

mote rural economic development by reducing entry barriers for smaller companies wanting to play a greater role in the special crops industry," Vanclef said.

The inclusion of the Canada Grain Act within the Administrative Monetary Penalties Act (AMPA) will allow the CGC to impose monetary penalties for most violations of the Canada Grain Act and Regulations.

Enforcement tools currently in the Canada Grain Act are limited, severe and costly to impose.

This change is in keeping with the government's overall plan to perform important regulatory functions in a more efficient and cost effective way.

In addition, the AMPA system provides a method of regulation that is fast, fair and flexible thus encouraging compliance with quality standards.

## Join Bushels for STARS

In the last few months dozens of Alberta farmers have joined Bushels for STARS.

As of mid-November, the program has raised over \$14,000 for STARS Air Rescue. Bushels for STARS is a partnership between Alberta Pool, Nornet Broadcasting and STARS.

Through this program, Alberta farmers can donate to STARS while delivering their grain to the elevators. The Canadian Wheat Board has approved this program and has issued permit number 99-84819986 to the STARS Foundation. Donations may consist of any grains or oilseeds in storable condition and for which there is space available.

To participate in this program contact your Alberta Pool station to check on the availability for delivery to your local elevator.

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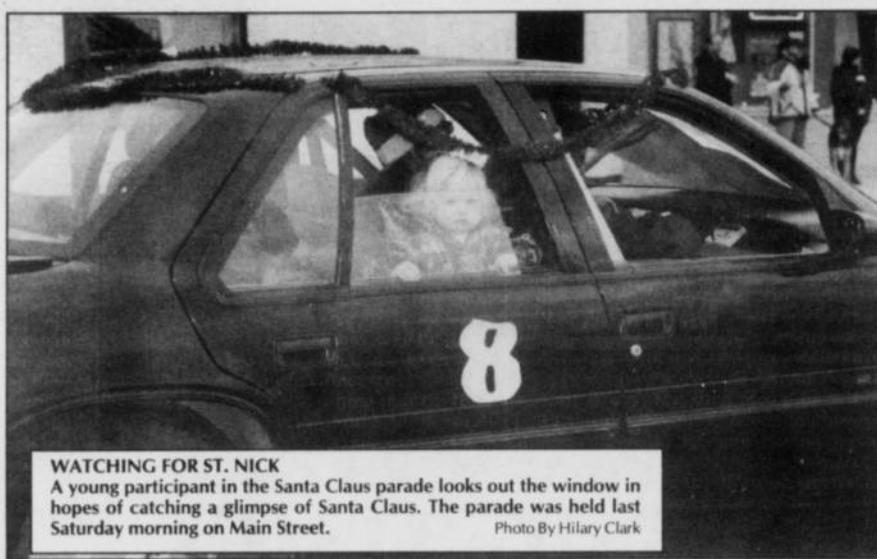
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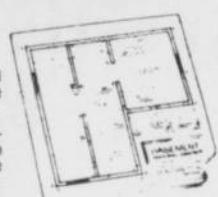
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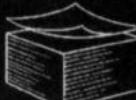
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# Growth study pinpoints future opportunities and challenges

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development has released a consultant's report on future growth opportunities and challenges in the agri-food industry over the next several years.

"Any time you're looking at growth of the magnitude that is contemplated for the agri-food industry, there are going to be challenges. As a follow-up to the study, I have instructed my department to issue a request for proposals on the next phase, an Environmental Impact Study that will evaluate potential environmental challenges connected with growth in the agriculture industry," said Ed Stelmach.

The study is called The Pursuit of Quality: A Sustainable Growth Strategy for the Alberta Agri-Food Sector. The report reveals that the Alberta agri-food sector has considerable potential to grow in both its primary and value-added sectors.

Included would be growth coming from higher yielding cereal crops, higher yielding and better quality oilseeds and increased acreages of specialty and horticulture crops and products.

The value-added processing of these products holds a potential for future processing opportunities. As well, much of the anticipated growth will be achieved through the expansion of key livestock sectors, namely beef and hogs, and their further

processing to consumer-ready products.

The challenges are to continue to act in an environmentally responsible manner to ensure that adequate research is in place for crop and livestock development, that financial capital is available and that labor as it relates to all aspects of the agri-food industry from production through to processing will be available.

One of the key aspects of a Sustainable Growth program would be a Sustainable Practices study, particularly for intensive livestock. Such a study would address three areas: environmental sustainability, market acceptability and competitiveness. As well, an Industry Growth Study between Government and Industry should be undertaken to address the manpower needs of this developing agri-industry.

The study contains more than a dozen different recommendations. These recommendations include:

- Government and industry taking a leadership role in environmental sustainability to assure responsible growth and development of agricultural production and processing facilities;

- Increasing research and innovation, including developing Alberta as a leading authority in not only crop and livestock product research but also product ideas for nutraceuticals and functional foods;

- Identifying and implementing leading food safety and quality assurance programs that meet or exceed "best practices" found in competing countries or markets.

The study identifies that while there is considerable potential for expansion of crop and livestock operations in parts of the province, more work also needs to be done, such as compiling more detailed inventories of regional resources including groundwater supplies.

The Industry Growth Study was conducted by Toma and Bouma Management Consultants at a cost of \$75,000. Copies of the study are available from the Processing Industry Division of AAFRD at (403) 427-3166.

Alberta's agriculture and food industry has identified market opportunities for agriculture and food products that would see the industry grow to \$10 billion at the primary production level and \$20 billion at the processing level.

This scale of expansion would require more intensive use of inputs and possibly some land use changes. This expansion must be managed responsibly to prevent significant environmental impact.

An Industry Growth Study was commissioned by AAFRD to identify potential subsector growth scenarios. It was completed in November, 1997 and identified several growth scenarios.

# Canadian Western seeks nominees

Canadian Western National Gas is now accepting nominations for membership on its new volunteer Consumer Advisory Panel, which is being created to provide the company with feedback from customers on an ongoing basis.

The panel will consist of ten to 15 members representing different residential, commercial and institutional customers in Canadian Western's southern Alberta service territory.

With help from Canadian Western and an independent facilitator, the panel will choose topics that affect the customers they represent, analyse issues from the customer perspective and provide input to Canadian Western that will help the company in its decision-making process.

Members will meet one-half day every other month, beginning in February, 1998 and must be interested in natural gas issues related to customer communication, the settling of rates, billing practices and procedures, energy conservation and other topics which may affect Canadian Western services and policies.

Initially, the panel members will serve for a one-year term.

"Canadian Western decided to create a Consumer Advisory Panel based on suggestions we received during a recent survey of more than 55,000 of our customers about what they thought of some of Canadian Western's services and business practices," said Janet Bliss, Special Projects Advisor for Canadian Western's Corporate Communications.

"As a result of that survey, we are also making changes to our budget payment plan and bill. Changes which are currently being publicized to our customers in print and radio under the 'You spoke. We listened.' campaign theme."

Those interested in nominating themselves or others for membership on the Consumer Advisory Panel may pick up application forms at their nearest Canadian Western office beginning this week.

Interested persons may also call Canadian Western Corporate Communications in Calgary at (403) 245-7700.

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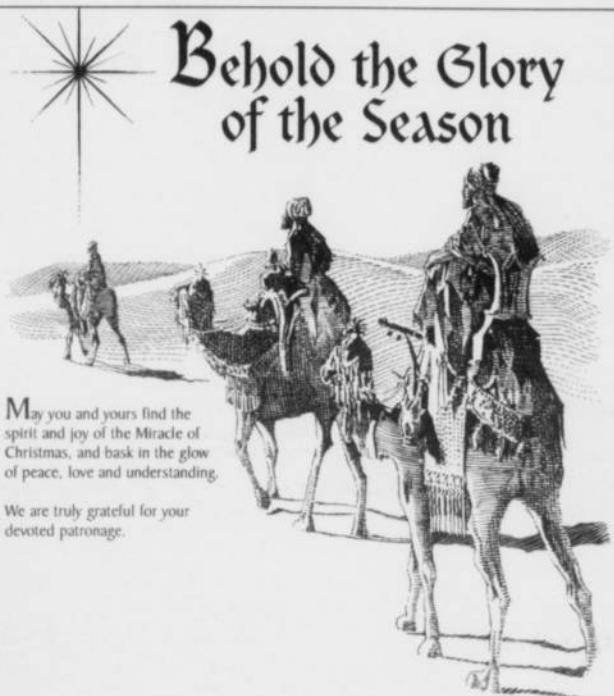
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We are truly grateful for your devoted patronage.

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Management & Staff



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it is a time to reflect and give thanks for all the good things that occurred during the year. We are especially indebted to give thanks to all our loyal customers as well as our staff, not only for the year passed but for all the years of wonderful support. Your long time dedication makes this Christmas special to us. Unfortunately we leave a lot of memories, special people and customers behind.

Thank you again to all of you. Our best wishes for your Christmas season!

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## Section B

# Lifestyles

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1997

YOUR SINGLE BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL NEWS

THE DIDSBURY REVIEW

## Rudolph is in love, and other North Pole news

By Ceilidh McClurg

Santa was able to take time out of his hectic pre-Christmas preparations to have a chat with the Didsbury Review, and he had some important notices for children this year.

"I've been keeping a close eye on the children of Didsbury and area this year," he laughs merrily.

In fact, Mr. Claus has employed a very special elf. Her name is Paulette and she is an undercover naughty and nice investigator.

"When you're an undercover elf there is a lot to do," says Paulette. She has been in close contact with Santa to point out all the extra special boys and girls in Didsbury and area.

She has good news for the children in the area. Paulette says that there is still time to change your ways before Christmas because she does regular checks. She says sibling rivalry is probably the thing that puts most kids on edge, however she says Didsbury kids are in good standing.

"It is really thinking of other people that makes the difference," says Paulette. "If you're really trying to be good, it is pretty hard to be bad isn't it?"

Santa reports that the elves are getting so excited for Christmas that even they are beginning to be little bit mischievous. He says there has been a number of times he was unable to find the elves taking breaks from the workshops, because they had hidden in the snow drifts.

Kids can check on their naughty and nice standing by calling Santa and his elves at NES-CREW (637-2739).

Santa is also really excited to hear from all the children of the area.

"It's really important to hear from children at Christmas time," says Santa. He says children can call the previously mentioned phone number from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. Oh,



**Kids, you can call Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves at NES-CREW or 637-2739**

and if Santa is busy in the workshops and making visits to the locals, he does have an answering machine, and he will call the kids back when he is done.

Santa has been taking calls at the North Pole for about three years now, although he still likes to get letters. He says it is all part of keeping up with technology in this quickly changing world.

There is a rapid rate of change at the North Pole reports Santa. He and his wife, Mrs. Claus have decided they need to remember tradition, but also need to "keep with the times." In fact, he has become so technologically inclined that his phone line is now wired through a satellite hook-up, and he has hired a special team of elves who have special training in technology.

"We try to keep with the times," he says.

In keeping computerized track of children around the world, Santa says he has discovered that there are many more children than there used to be thousands of years ago. For this reason, he

has had to expand his Christmas forces. Santa made the official announcement that there will be two more reindeer added to the sleigh next year to be able to deal with the increased volumes of toys that need to be delivered. He says the new reindeer, to be named Prancette and Dancette, are currently in training and are developing very well.

"Although they are a little shy right now," says Santa. He expects with rigorous flight training over the next year, the babies will be ready for Christmas 1998.

Speaking of reindeer, there is big news at the North Pole about everybody's favourite, Rudolph.

Apparently he has taken an interest in Jules, another reindeer that lives at the Pole. Santa explains that Rudolph has become somewhat distracted with his duties and isn't practising as much as Santa wished he would. However, the elves and Mr. and Mrs. Claus are happy that Rudolph has taken up with Jules.

"We are all hopeful that they will become romantically involved," he says with a roll of laughter. It looks good so far, apparently Rudolph is so hyped up that "he is difficult to keep on the ground," says Santa.

The head reindeer is almost ready for his big night. "A.J. elf has given Rudolph a buff and a manicure to get him ready," Santa assures.

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There was almost a labor dispute at the North Pole this year between the elves. He explains, the elves in the 'green room' felt their role at the Pole was not being sufficiently recognized because Mrs. Claus had been wearing a red dress for more than a thousand years. The green elves had a negotiation with the red elves and Mrs. Claus and a tentative 1000 year agreement was reached. Mrs. Claus will be sporting green.

"It really is a very smart looking outfit," says Santa.

Another change occurring at the North Pole is the uncharacteristically warm weather. Santa says he believes it might have something to do with the global

warming phenomenon.

"I do hope it doesn't get too warm or else the North Pole will melt and that just won't do."

Santa Claus who reports his age to be around 3001 and his wife's to be about 2000, says he remembers long ago when things were different. He says in the year 1665, the world was much different than it is now.

"I remember it well because we almost lost our way because the world wasn't the right shape yet."

This year, he says, especially with Rudolph's extra bright nose (because he's in love), he won't have any trouble finding the homes of all the children and delivering the appropriate toys.

He reports that in the Didsbury area, the little boys most often ask for video games and new cars. The little girls are asking for Barbie Dolls, electronic pets, horses and new cars.

Although Santa says new cars take the elves a very long time to build, he has come up with an interim solution, that he calls the "Dream Machine Seed." He says all you have to do to make the seed grow is to plant it in six inches of snow and keep it covered all year.

"Then, it is very important that you regularly imagine yourself driving the car. Your imagination is really the key and then you can go anywhere," says Santa.

"That is what Christmas is all about. Christmas is about imagination and magic things," says Santa.

He says he expects the children will get just about everything that they have asked for.

"I am really very impressed with the people in the Didsbury, Cremona, Carstairs and area."

Santa had to conclude the interview at that point because he is very busy getting ready for Christmas Eve. But, he says he wishes all the boys and girls around the world, but especially of Didsbury and area a very Merry Christmas and best of season's greetings.

### What do you want to know?

Ask Dr. Ahmad is a health issues column that is created by the Didsbury Review and Didsbury doctor, Dr. Ahmad. Ahmad says he is gearing up to do a special column about Osteoporosis and bone weakening. He is looking for specific questions relating to that topic, especially from women who are at the menopausal stage of life.

You can get your question to Dr. Ahmad in a number of ways. You can write to him care of the Didsbury Review at Box 760, Didsbury Alberta, T0M 0W0, drop your letter off to the Review or e-mail him at: [didsbury\\_review@awnet.net](mailto:didsbury_review@awnet.net)



### Christmas traditions explored; what does it all mean?

By Hilary Clark

Christmas time is here again and it is time to get into the full swing of the holiday fervor. You go out to a tree lot and pick out the perfect Christmas tree. You go home and decorate your home with mistletoe and boughs of ev-

ergreen along your banister. On Christmas Eve you and your children read a bedtime story, hang up your stockings and return to bed in hopes that Santa Claus will pay you a visit during the night. But, what does this have to do with the birth of Christ

anyway?

To learn more about our holiday traditions we have to take a step back more than a thousand years. Jesus has been gone a long time already and Christianity is spreading throughout Europe.

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# Christmas tradition exploration *Continued from Pg. 1B*

Even the emperor converts. But there are still a lot of people who refuse to give up their old habits and adopt the new, accepted religion. In perhaps, one of the most brilliant marketing moves, the Catholic church decides that instead of outlawing pagan traditions, they will Christianize them.

That is they choose to adopt old world, old pagan practices and turn them into acceptable things. This went over well for the pagan tribes of northern Europe. Here was the chance to keep doing the same things they did every year to celebrate various changes of season and times of year. It made the new religion a whole lot easier to swallow.

There are many things to look at when we look to explore the roots of our Christmas traditions. Some of them came from the old pagan traditions, and some were born out of modern commercialization.

Let's start with the date of Christmas itself, Dec. 25. Everyone knows that Jesus was not born on Dec. 25. In fact, historians have worked out that he was probably born in the late fall. But in the middle of the fourth century Pope Julius I decided to end all speculation and declared Dec. 25 as Jesus Christ's official birthday. The reasons for his decision are not really known.

Prior to his announcement there were months of research into finding the real date of Christ's birth. But all attempts proved futile. Some suggest that the decision was reached on the fact that everyone believed Christ died on March 25, so he also must have been conceived on that date, in order for him to have the perfect life. That would place his birth in December.

But perhaps the cleverest reason for choosing Dec. 25 was the fact that it fell in the middle of all the old pagan mid-winter festivals. All of the old festivals then fell under the heading that was Christmas, and thus their customs which included feasting, drinking, dancing, gift-giving, the lighting of fires, the holding of parties and general merriment became Christianized.

The act of gift giving at Christmas has true pagan roots that stem all the way back to the New Stone Age. Ten thousand years ago, people would exchange gifts of food as a celebration of the mid-winter.

As gift-giving evolved, it reached an elaborate head in ancient Rome where numerous superstitions went along with the gift giving that was a part of the mid-winter festivities. When Christianity came along they tried to end the gift-giving when the mid-winter festival became Christmas.

But this was easier said than done. So, as it became apparent that people were unwilling to give up the chance to give and receive gifts, the church gave gift-giving a sacred context. The giving of gifts now symbolizes not the fruits of the season but the gifts the three Kings brought to the infant Jesus.

The official explanation was that gift-giving symbolized the unselfishness of Christianity.

At Christmas time the gifts are always placed under the Christmas tree, which is perhaps the most pagan of all popular Christmas practices.

The Christmas tree started in Germany and has only become popular outside of Germany in the last 150 years or so. It stems (pardon the pun) from the old pagan practice to worship the oak tree. The tree-worshipping Germans were too far gone to convert to Christianity so again the old practice was 'adopted' by the Christians. But instead of the oak, the fir tree



was chosen. It was said that the fir tree represented the holy trinity, Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit, because viewed from the side, it was a triangle.

The practice of decorating the tree was readily accepted by the Germans, but took a long time to spread outside of their country. It was not until Queen Victoria's husband, German-born Prince Albert, put up a tree at Christmas in 1840 that it was readily accepted by others in Britain.

The tree was also popular in Canada and the U.S. but took longer to achieve popular status in Latin countries, mostly because the Catholic church could not accept the openly pagan aspect of the Christmas tree.

Perhaps one of the most perplexing characters of the Christmas season is Santa Claus.

A figure who seems to have nothing to do with the birth of Christ at all. But Santa Claus

is a lot closer to true Christianity than the Christmas tree or even the practice of giving and receiving gifts. St. Nicholas was a bishop in modern-day Turkey.

He was born in 280 AD and is famous for his Christian works. Legend has it he was immensely rich and gave away all of his wealth in secret to help the poor, he was also known to help children in trouble. Because of his gift-giving and the helping of children he became very popular as a Saint in Europe.

Thousands of churches were dedicated to him. His feast day was Dec. 6 and on that day children would leave out their shoes or their stockings and in the morning receive candy and small gifts, if they were good; or a whipping switch if they were bad.

He became a very popular Saint in Holland where his name was pronounced "Sinter Klaas" or "Sinter Claes", which soon became Santa Claus.

At this stage the clergy were more than happy to accept the growing global importance of Santa Claus, mostly because he was a real Saint and he was a

true example of selfless gift giving.

The only job to do was to move his arrival to the 25th, thus making him a part of the true celebration of Christmas. In some parts of the world people still celebrate his feast day by leaving out their shoes and a list of what they really want for Christmas. Santa Claus became a jolly fat man in a velvet suit only in this century and thanks to modern marketing.

An artist at Coca Cola was the first to draw Santa Claus as we know him today in the 1930s, his goal to provide a boost to the depressed population. The figure was so popular that it stuck around and was universally accepted as Santa Claus.

Even as Santa Claus' popularity grew with children in the world, and even seemed to be beating out Jesus, he lost favor with the church. In the 1950s French clergy burned him in effigy and in 1969 he was "demoted" by Pope Paul VI, but it was too late to stop him.

A lot of our Christmas traditions are owed to an American author and poet named Clement Moore who in 1822 set out to write a little Christmas ditty for his children. He called it, A Visit from St. Nicholas, or as it is commonly known, The night before Christmas . . . It was Moore who decided that St. Nicholas should arrive with reindeer, instead of his traditional horse or donkey. And it was Moore who decided that St. Nick should slide down the chimney. The reindeer stem from the old Finnish belief that Old Man Winter would drive his reindeer out of the hills and bring with him the snow. Moore just turned Old Man Winter into Santa Claus and made him drive the reindeer onto rooftops. The idea of coming down the chimney was said to be rooted in the belief that one should have their chimney cleaned on New Year's Day to bring good luck for the upcoming year. Moore just bumped the custom forward a few days.

Mistletoe is readily assumed to be one of the most pagan rituals part of our Christmas celebrations. Some of the idea of mistletoe does stem from the pagan winter custom to hang greenery indoors, but the actual idea of hanging mistletoe and kissing underneath it has a Christian beginning that over time has become a very paganistic ritual.

In Britain, people used to hang mistletoe or any green leafy material over a doorway and place in the middle a tiny replica of the nativity. Anyone passing under the bough would embrace, to symbolize that during the holiday season everyone was

loved in a Christian way.

Over time the Christians threw out the idea of using tiny idols and the nativity was removed, but the bough remained. People were hard pressed to give up the idea of embracing under the bough, and it soon became custom to kiss under it instead.

This is a custom that continues today.

Christmas, which is one of the holiest dates on the Christian calendar is perhaps one of

the most pagan of all Christian celebrations. The Christian practice of amalgamating different beliefs into one acceptable norm has ensured that Christmas will continue to be celebrated throughout the world, instead of being forgotten like the old pagan celebrations like the Roman Saturnalia, the Norse ceremonies for Odin and the celebration of the birth of the Persian god Mithra.

## At The Kitchen Table

by  
Noreen Olson



I have a new little book called, *Christmas Customs and Traditions* by Dr. R. Brasch. To quote Brasch, "Pantomimes are a key part of English Christmas celebrations. They are spectacular productions with lots of fun, jokes, songs and even commentaries on current affairs."

This year instead of the sweet little recitations of our long ago Christmas concerts I thought I would offer you some poems suitable for an English pantomime. A nice pantomime mind you, in good taste, I hope!

**Bringing Him Up**  
Mister Thomas Jones,  
Said to James, his son;  
"Never swallow bones,  
Never point a gun."

Never slam a door,  
Never play with flames,  
Never shun the poor."  
"Dull old fool!" said James.

- Lord Dunsany

**Epitaph for a Postal Clerk**  
Here lies wrapped up tight in sod,  
Henry Harkins c/o God,  
On the day of resurrection,  
May he be opened for inspection.

- D.J. Kennedy

**The Headless Gardener**  
A gardener, Tobias Baird  
sent to his head to be repaired;  
he thought, as nothing much was wrong,  
he wouldn't be without it long.

Ten years he's weeded path and plot,  
a headless gardener, poor sot,  
always hoping (hope is vain),  
to see his noddy back again.

Don't pity him for his distress-  
he never sent them his address  
- Ian Serraillier

I think even an English pantomime would have at least one conventional entry and here is one of my favourites.

Ah friends, dear friends, as years go on  
And heads get grey, how fast the guests do go!  
Touch hands, touch hands with those who stay.  
Strong hands to weak, old hands to young,  
Around the Christmas board touch hands.

The false forget, the foe forgive,  
For every guest will go and every fire burn low  
and cabin empty stand  
Forget, forgive for who may  
say that Christmas day  
may ever come to host or guest again.  
Touch hands!

- W.H.H. Murray 1840-1904

Merry Christmas from my Kitchen Table.

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"SEE YOU SOON," SAYS SANTA

Santa Claus waves to the children on the streets during the second annual Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Didsbury Venturers/Rovers and held in Didsbury last Saturday.

Photo By Hilary Clark

## Ross Ford; Almost Christmas

Christmas preparations are well under way at Ross Ford School. The showcase across from the office is filled with a great variety of angels students have created. If you're in the school be sure to stop by and have a look. The hallways are filled with Christmas artwork and decorations as well.

Every other morning we all gather in the gym to sing carols and Christmas songs. We like having parents and friends join in the singing. Thanks to Miss Christensen and Mrs. Hrabok for planning this for us.

Students will have a special time to shop and help others with their annual White Elephant Sale.

Classroom news:  
Daniel Forestell, Riley Edwards and Kyle Hoffman visited Mrs. Charron's Grade 2 class last week.

They're learning about dinosaurs. The students told them that: Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. These were plant eating dinosaurs. The largest of them was Brachiosaurus. There were meat eating dinosaurs. The biggest was T-Rex. He is called the king of dinosaurs. (Mrs. Brown wonders if his name was Elvis.)

The class knows a lot about dinosaurs.

Andrew Bonnell, Grant Jensen and Mike Mason stopped by Mrs. Jensen's Grade 3 class. Her class

has been very busy studying about the pioneers. They're redoing research and reading books about them. They dressed as pioneer children and spent the day at the old classroom in the Museum. They have made their own museum in their classroom by bringing old treasures that belonged to their grandparents and parents.

The students made whistles to learn about sound in science.

Adam Hamann, Joel Couture and Myles Bogner went to Mr. Tyler's Grade 3 and 4 classroom. They were drawing a computer picture just for fun. They were doing research about interesting animals. They're all anxiously waiting for "the fat man with the beard."

## Area students excel at RDC

Red Deer College President, Lynne Mulder, hosted 187 students at the 25th Student Recognition Breakfast held Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The recognition breakfasts are part of the KITE program, which is a comprehensive attempt to recognize the many forms of achievement at Red Deer College. The students were recognized for their academic achieve-

ment, diligence in studies, positive influence in their learning environment or their involvement in campus or community groups and activities.

Each student received a certificate from the president and a commemorative photograph. The breakfast is held biannually in the College cafeteria.

Following are a list of local students honored at the break-

fast.

Kerry Bales, B.Sc. Nursing, Carstairs; Robert Simpson, Adult Basic Education, Carstairs; Talva Dick, Art and Design, Didsbury; Robert Scott, Kinesiology and Sport Studies, Didsbury; Allison Jefferies, Hospitality and Tourism, Olds; Les Scarrott, Kinesiology and Sports Studies, Olds; Leora Vandenberg, Business Administration, Olds.

## Greetings from the Dragon's Den

On the weekend of Dec. 12 to 13, the JB Basketball team will be in a tournament in Acme, Beiseker and Linden. We wish the JB team the best of luck.

With Christmas only a few short days off (at least in terms of days of class), the students of DHS are involved in many festive activities. Friday, Dec. 5 was our Christmas dance, which according to consensus was lots of fun. And the student council successfully collected numerous donations for the Food Bank as well.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, Mr. Klein and his incredible musicians had another successful dinner concert. The Band Christmas Dinner Concert had turnout of about 300 people. The bands of DHS wish to extend their gratitude to all the dedicated parents and fellow students who helped to organize this event, also the band appreciates all those who attended the concert.

On Monday evening, about 50 people from DHS and the community enjoyed the beautiful sounds of talented voices and musicians at the Christmas in Song Concert, held at the Jack Singer Hall in Calgary. What made this event extra special was the fact that Amanda Brown was playing violin, and Kory Simon and former DHS Grad Stephen Wright sang in this evening of Christmas jubilation. On behalf of all DHS students and staff, congratulations on such a fine performance.

The west end of the school was just buzzing with energy and excitement as Mrs. Paton's Grade 2 class came to visit on Thursday, Dec. 11. The students created their own gingerbread houses with the assistance of Mrs. William's Foods 10-20-30 first period class. It

sure looked like fun, and many of the high school students seemed to be having as much fun, if not more fun than the Grade 2s. And of course, the gingerbread houses looked fabulous and definitely will be a delicious treat.

Ms. Turner and her Grade 9s are still hoping to raise at least \$300 for food and toiletries for the Street Kids of Calgary - the deadline is Dec. 18 - so if you have anything, such as warm clothing or other items to donated, please drop them off by the school. Just think, if every student donated \$1 each, we would raise the minimum \$300.

## Come home!

Home for the holidays? Often our thoughts this time of year are of our homes and family whether they are close by or far away. We wonder who will be coming?

When will they arrive? What should we do? How many are staying?

When will they all go? Home for the holidays?

Many people seek a place where they feel they belong, especially over the holidays. This is also the desire of your heavenly Father.

This Christmas he invites you to come over to his house. Really. Come Home!

The community at Re-

deemer Lutheran Church invites you to come home for Christmas.

Join us in the telling of the Savior's birth.

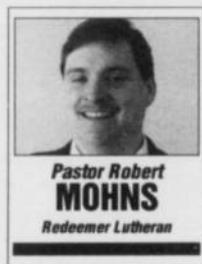
Join us in receiving and celebrating God's gift of love. Join us in the songs of praise. Join in the fellowship of God's people.

Really! Come Home!

The baking is done, the decorations set, the family is gathering and there is a place here for you to belong.

A place where the love of your heavenly Father, the redeeming presence of your Savior and the comfort of the Holy Spirit await you.

Home for the Holidays? Really! Come Home!



## Lodge news

By Annie Caush

Hi all. It really looks a lot like Christmas with the trees outside covered with hoarfrost and the ones inside decorated for Christmas. Our auxiliary ladies and some helpers spent a busy day last Tuesday putting up all the lovely decorations and then hosting the December birthday party in the afternoon.

Those celebrating December birthdays are Vivian Carlson, Ivy Colley, Laura Watkins, Dorothy Paton, Doris Robertson, Bob Gathercole and Harry Harper. Best wishes all.

We also had a group who celebrated November birthdays

but due to the postal strike the news that week didn't get to the Review. Belated best wishes to Gladys Abra, Laura Dichrow, Emily McMahon, Edna Weldon and Lottie Westfall who had November birthdays.

We also look forward to all the visits we have from family and friends over the Christmas season.

In hospital we have Anne Dunlop, Kate Harper, Florence Hudson, Olive Rice, Blanche Tremblay and Lottie Westfall. We trust we will see you all home before Christmas.

## Really, Come Home This Christmas!



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Corner of 15th Ave. and 23 Street  
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Children's Christmas Program  
Saturday, Dec. 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Live Nativity  
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Christmas Eve Service  
December 24 - 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service  
December 25 - 10:30 a.m.

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for my ber. I hope you will bring me a grand chompyin an a book for my bruther. R yor belts red an greer dus yor reindeer rte fly. I luov you you ore my Christmas prrasit.

Luove Paige Hopkins,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the boll. This year I yied like a afgan with a toy, and a tent with a slepeig beig, and a barbibe. I wood like present for my Brithers and my mom and dad. Haow ar the reindeer, thek you.

Love Chelsea  
Overwater,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys last year. This year, I wod like a corado Gole helmut. Dos Rudolf nos rele glow? Mi sistr wants a cd.

Love Tyler Hobbs,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys last year. This year I hoq I get a baskithball and I hop that my freind gets a batman poster. I hoq Mrs. Clos is good. I love you Santa.

Love Cory  
Mitchell,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the prasas last yer. This year I wd the a skpingrop. Ples bring my cat a string. Wht ar the reindeers nams. How r the ranber.

Love Kendall Maitland,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

thank you for my toys lasst year but this year I wob like a hula hair Barbie. Alistta. Wod like a lyskrim makr. Wd you pless brin my mom a noeew kofe pot but most iv al l wndr af rodifs noz rle ez reb.

Love yu, Kelly  
Fletcher,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you foor tha legoo you gafaf me. I wod want a LeGoo aGnn. Ples Goit mi Dad a present and mi brathr a trak and a gowel bos four mi mim.

I wod got a presents four mis DrD Nick wil lil a present to. From Nathaniel Bunch,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the rader this year.

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the stereyo. This year I want a tractr will yew get my mom new clos. What are yor elvess nams. Santa what is yor fon nember.

From Even Kutney,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the dol. this year I wed like baby kelly gos shopping and I wed like skipper, and can you ples get my mom a Christmas kerten. Bos, Rudolfs noes rely glo. How are the reindeer. How bo you mace the toys. Is it cold in the north pol.

Love Anneliese Chase,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys. This year I wod lik gole pads. Wod yuo bring a bok for my breder. Dos Rudolf hav a grlfrnd?

Love Nick Hobbs,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for The Spidrman last yer. Thank for the raser kar last yer. Thak you for the Basskitbol last yer. I hop my bruthr ges a bok. Dus Rudolfs nos rile glo. I wod lik a radeo this year.

Love Peter Gwozdecki,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents. I wan baby boorrn. Can you bereg my mom a caw sat. dos Rudolf hav a gell frnd.

Love Dessarae Camps,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toy cat. This year I wod lik Hula hair Barbie. I wod lik a present for my cat Luna. How are the reindeer. I love you Santa.

Love Bailey Baerg,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Barbie last year. This year I wod like a par of soks. My sasd wad like a clacon.

Love Sheylene  
Thompson,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presins. I'm going to giv you a presins. This year my brethr wd like a beste. I wd like a beste to. Wet my fambl wd like lots ev mone and I wd like lots ev mone. My frend wed like u beste. See you at Krismis.

Love James King,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the snospedr. This year I wod like a x-wing. My sistr wd like a Ooopsdazzoll. Dos Rudolf's nos glo?

Love MacKenzie  
Southgate,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thavnk yos for the one sents you are me last year. Wod you git me a Barbie van. My sester wod like u dall. Dos Ruedof glo dos Ruedof have grle frend.

From Sarah Stroyan,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents yer. Heo is the reindeer. Heo is mis is clos. Heo is Rudolf. This year meg jron dos Rudolf nnos rie glo heo is mis is klos heo is koo pit pnd komit. Oluf your reinder.

From Brett Crawford,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents lat eyar. This eyar I wod like a hula har Barbe. I wod lik a krasmas tre for my mom. Diz Rudlf noz rale glo. I liv you.

From Cashton Hallock,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the vacm last year. This year I wld want a is crem mcr. Wod you git my clsin a Barbie. My dad wnts a trator ds Rudolf nos rle glo. God be.

From Alisha Meyer,

Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys last eyar. This year I wud like a tractor kud yo bring nathan a toy Leggo. Hos is Rudolf?

Love Kevin Hill,  
Ross Ford 1B

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Taprekordr. This year I wod like a hula hair Barbie and my siter hula Bardie to. How are the reindeer. I like you. You ar nis. Came you gat my moma presents. I like yoer tree. I wat de god.

Love Heather Smith,  
Ross Ford 1B

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## Sons of Norway update

By Noreen Olson

November's meeting opened under president Leif Terning and with the usual ceremony. We welcomed Thelma Dorin who is a member of Innisfail lodge and a good friend to Fjellsyn. Letters were read from Liv Dahl, Heritage Programs Manager to Melba Berild and Myrtle Porter. Porter was praised for her accomplishments in Hardanger and both she and Berild for their cooking skills. Terning presented both ladies with beautiful pins that commemorate their achievement.

Cultural Director Olga Terning gave dates and times for upcoming classes in Rosemaling, cooking and knitting. The sports weekend t-shirts have arrived. They are royal blue with white lettering and bear our Congregate in '98 logo and cartoon. The shirts are attractive and very reasonably priced. Melba and Ole Berild and Barb and Mel Olsen will be in charge of sales. Sports weekend chairperson reported that everything seems to be on schedule despite the postal strike and hotel reservations are already at a premium. Members are reminded that they too must

register in order to have tickets for the banquet and brunch and that we will need everyone's help to make this event a success. Foundation director John Kamp announced that we sent \$108 to Foundation in Canada. A very respectable sum for a lodge this size. Plans were made for our Christmas party and the upcoming fish supper on Jan. 18.

Following the business meeting we played bingo. Leif Terning and Mel Haakonsen had both donated turkeys. Ken Holmberg donated Christmas oranges and Marion Dahlgren one of the new t-shirts. The lodge is most grateful for this generosity and a nice and much needed bit of money was raised for the lodge funds.

On Dec. 7 our annual Christmas party was held at the Evergreen Centre in Olds. A record number of guests and members were present and we were very pleased to have so many children. Holmberg on guitar and Jim Adamchick with violin opened the program playing and singing Christmas carols while people arrived and until most were seated and singing along. Meanwhile our youngest guests were decorating the Christmas tree, a gingerbread

house and gingerbread men and women.

The very versatile Cindy Sommers gave us a delightful rendition of *All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth* and then played a lovely piano solo. Cassie Pederson, who is a very skillful player of the flute, performed two Christmas carols for us. Noreen Olson read some Christmassy things from her new book and then the Calgary Scandinavian Choir was introduced. About thirty members were present including the director and pianist. In their wonderful and colorful costumes from all the Scandinavian countries including Finland and Iceland the choir makes a great impact both musically and visually. We are always delighted to have them add color and song to our Christmas event.

When the choir finished we walked hand in hand around the Christmas tree and sang more carols. Supper, was as always, spectacular and then Santa Claus came and delivered candy bags to children and oranges to everyone. A very successful party. Next meeting will be on Jan. 26, 1998.

### EVERYBODY IS CURIOUS

Many curious minds were satisfied at the annual Heritage House Tea and Tour on Saturday, Dec. 13. For \$10, ticket holders were able to sneak a peak at some of the older and distinctive homes in Didsbury. The tour started at 11:30 a.m. and lasted all day, allowing visitors plenty of time at each of the nine houses for a good look. (Photo left top) Visitors are greeted by Gord Fulton at his home. Fulton told the tour group how he and his wife have gone through countless hours trying to get their house the way it was when it was built in the 1920s. (Photo left below) Anyone curious to see inside the old Lutheran Church owned by Wendy and Trevor Thomas on 21st Ave were afforded a valuable tour. Tour goers were also treated to tea and treats at the Museum courtesy of the Pathfinders.

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From David Smith,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are having a good year please bring me teddy horse.

Love Kristine,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. How r the rawdeer. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me Neptune catle.

Love Kylee,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me unicorn.

From Becca Jo,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents last year. I want Men in Black please.

Love Cole,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Please on I have a dinky dino. Merry Christmas.

Love Jessica,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing. I hope you are warm. Hope you are happy. Thank you for the presents last year.

Love Davia Daub  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me nano kitty.

From Megan,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. Hros your rndrs? Hros Mrs. Claus? Please bring me Men in Black.

Love Kasey,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. I hope you and the elves dont fight. Please bring me Nano baby.

Love Mirand,  
Ross Ford 1A

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**Dear Santa,**

I hope you have a colorful tree. Please bring me a beach doll. Please bring me love.

Love Samantha,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hop you and Mrs. Claus hav a good time this eyar. Please bring me a unicorn.

Love Linden,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. Please bring me a doll. I love dolls. Sam would like a doll. I love Sam.

Love Susan,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. Hwele thy rdndeer. I hope you are well. Please bring me a tractor.

Love Jesse,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring me a race car.

Love Cory Ridley,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. Please bring mes Jussicpatk toye. My btother is four. He would like a giant moster truck.

Love Dorian,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me Lost World Jurassic Park.

Love Evan,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

I hope you're having a godo winter. Please bring me a drum set.

Love Jannelle,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are happy. Please bring me a talking nano.

Love Carsyn  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bine me baby nano.

Love Susanne,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. how r you and Mrs. Claus. Can yu please bring me Lost World Jurassic Park.

Love Colbey,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the presents. Please bring me Hercules bow and arrow.

Love Andrew,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas. I hope you are well. Thank you for the Teddy Pony Last year. Please bring me a teddy reindeer.

Love Tate,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

I hope you are well. Please bring me a nano cat. I love you. Please bring Casandra d minnie mouse doll.

From Jayme,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

I wish you have a merry christmas. Please bring me a moomincrol rscscar Marrter. I love you Santa Claus.

Love Dallas,  
Ross Ford 1A

**Dear Santa,**

I want you to go into my room and put some presents in there. Thank you for taking my name OFF the lump of coal list. Please take my mom's and dad's off to. I really like you and I think you are really neat. I think you are really cool because you can make presents. Please make my toys out of steel because it is the strongest and can't break.

Please don't crash or fall or forget me. I like ninja turtles, Batman, reading, crayons, playdough, real motorcycles, motors, cars and everything. We don't like girls toys. I made cookies for you and I think you are the best Santa.

Love,  
Rob, 4; Curtiss, 3; and  
Derek, 2, Alcorn.

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Sunday, Dec. 28th 10:30 a.m.

**Dear Santa,**

How have your reindeer been this year? I hope Rudolph have been good this year. Thank you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus for the presents. I want an Easy Bake Oven please.

Love Calla Stevens,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How are your reindeer? For Christmas I want a dino baby. How is Mrs. Claus? I wonder if your elves are working very hard on the toys. I sometimes drive Mrs. Charron crazy so I will try to behave.

Love Zachary  
Pochapsky,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How have you been this year? I want a giggle pet 101 Dalmatian. I love you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Love Shawna Lecerf,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How have been this year? If you could fit a Nano in that bag it would be nice for me. How are your reindeer? Merry Christmas to you Mrs. and Mr. Claus.

Yours truly, Laura  
Bevelander,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How have you been? I want a motor bike. Thank you.

From Nicolas Renggli,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How are the elves? How is your family and you. Please, may I have the lost World Jurassic Park RC.

Love Justin Robert  
McInnis,  
Ross Ford 2A  
P.S. Merry Christmas.

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing this year? How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus and how is Rudolph? Please can you get me the Doctor Barby and a Nano.

Love Dana Ashley  
Bishop,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

What have you been doing this year? Do you know what I want? I want a talking Nano Kitty. I love you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer.

Love Ashley Sheardown,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

This is Josie. This is what I want for Christmas - a dog. And thank you. I just moved in and I am shy. But I am making friends.

Love Josie Fraser,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How have you been this year? I want to get a remote control boat. How are you feeling? I want to give Lucas a Batman Camera. Have a nice Christmas.

Love Josh Campbell,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How have you been this year? I want my Mom and Dad to have a present and it will be a new coffee maker so they can drink coffee and they can share it. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love Ashley Kreuter,  
Ross Ford 2A  
P.S. I want a doodle bear for Christmas.

**Dear Santa,**

How have you been this year? For Christmas I would like a Game Boy. My mom wants a Calico cat and my dad wants a new drill. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.

Love Lucas Wagner,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I am good. I like all the toys you gave me. But this year I would like a shaving Ken. How are you feeling? I'm feeling great. I will leave you milk and cookies. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is good. See you next year.

Love Adam Tschritter,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! How is Rudolph? Be careful I hope that your sled please can you bring me remort for my ver thanks.

Love Anthony,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! How is the elves and Mrs. Claus? My cousins are cuming over for Christmas. Last Christmas I got lots of lago from you. I will want some life saver's. Be careful. It is nice outside. I am glad there is no snow out side. Please can I have a motel car and we will give Rudolph a carrot and for you cookies and milk. Thank you.

Love Kyle,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D

**Dear Santa,**

How are you Santa. I have been good. My brother said Santa was not real. Bring me anything you like.

Love Brittany,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

Hi Santa! How are you doing? I'm doing good. I would love to have a Nano please. How is Mrs. Claus? I love you Santa.

Love Felicia Brown,  
Ross Ford 2A

Love Dayle,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D

**Dear Santa,**

How have you been this year? I would like the Lost World remote controlled truck R.C. It is from the Toys R Us. The Lost world truck comes with Dylotta. I like you.

Love Kyle Parkin,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

Thakyou for last year's presents. How are your reindeer doing for you and Mrs. Claus. I hope you do not get stuck in the snow. I do not know what I want for Christmas. Please choose something nice.

Love Emma Gail Reed,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? I want a Calgary Flames Jersey with Trevor Kidd's name and his number on the back. Please and thank you. I love you.

Love Kyle Gebers,  
Ross Ford 2A

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? I want a motor bike. Thank you.

From Nicolas Renggli,  
Ross Ford 2A

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fellow being,  
a child's belief in  
the future, and a child's  
trust in God's love.



**Dear Santa,**

Hi. My name is Jesse Gruber. I'd like a comeptootgram. I'd also like a Polly Pockit Thank you.

**From Jesse,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! How is Rudolph? I've been a goot boy. Can you bring me a sopn nin ten do gam? Thank you.

**Love Wesley Dunbar,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Thauk you for the te. Please bring me angel doll. I've been a good girl. Thank you.

**Love Alex,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! how are you and Mrs. claus don? Yue must be hot won you got to hot plass. Please can you bring me los of candy and toys.

**Love Zac,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! How is the elf's and how is Mrs. Claus. I want a doll and i want a polkit. Thank you!

**Love Amy,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! how is Rudolph? I've been a good boy this year. Please can you bring me a mote control ras track toy dinasors and a star worts Poly Pokit. Thank you.

**Love Devon,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Im gan to Mexico on Christmas morning. Please can you bring me case cart weis. Thank you.

**Love Carlee Krebs,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

## THE DIDSBURY REVIEW

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! ho ho ho ho. How are your rendree don? I will lev you some cookies Pleaes I can you bring a doll.

**Love Joelle,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Marry Christmas! How is ro reindeer? I've been a good boy this year. Please can you bring me a sega game and a supr nintando game.

**Love Drew,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

How is all of you reindeer? Are eny of the reindeer sick Santa? Are eny of the elfs sick to? Please can you bring me a pair of rolor blier and a nailpanter and a hertwerler. thank you!

**Love Caitlyn,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! How is Rudolph? I've been a good girl this year. Please can you bring me big bruer Ken and baby bruer Tomy and grat daet Ken. Is it cold?

**Love Angie,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas! I hare to say smthen to Mis Claus. Is Mis Claus oy? Please can you bring me a erpled and it has six miny miknos and may I have a nother jet plan. and can i have the goaldecity gon in.

**Love Earl,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

How are the reindeer? the fulf the famproots how are the polybrs. Pleasee bing me pole poket. Thank you.

**Love Kaily,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Marry Christmas. How are the elves doing? I hope yor slay wont brack I will bring you some milk and cokis. Please bring me a road wor yer goaly pads. I like yu. I timost be cudd out there. I bet you have sen the north star. My name is Matthew Metka. this Christmas will be the best Christmas last Christmas I got a batman. Thank you.

**Love Matthew,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas, How are the elfs? and the reindeer. Santa I just wanted you to know that me and my family are going to be in Mexico. I really liked my presents last year. You got me just what I wanted but I want the back street boys tape this year and I want a AQWA tape to in my stoking. and how is Mrs. Claus?

**Love Kirsten,  
Ross Ford 1D/2D**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I will leave some cookies out for you. And I will leave some oats out for them. Can you please get me a Dominoes Path Maker?

**From Kelly Kohut,  
Midway School**

**RELIGION****Way of Life: Christmas time, a time to journey**

As we enter into this final week of preparation for the celebration of our Lord's birth many of us will be on the move picking up all sorts of last minute items, visiting, and attending various events. This time of the year finds our roads especially congested with busy, time pressed, over stressed travellers.

Travelling is also a theme we find in scripture, from its beginning to end. Adam and Eve, after the fall into sin, travelled out of the Garden of Eden. Noah travelled on the flood waters, Abraham travelled from Ur to Israel, Moses and the people of Israel travelled into the wilderness for forty years. And after that they travelled to the promised land, bringing with them the presence of God in the Ark of the Covenant. Later, the defeated people of Israel travelled from Israel back to Babylon and then again in the period of restoration back to Israel.

So perhaps, it is not surprising for us to hear that God's plan of salvation in the New Testament unfolded while on the go. Immediately upon hearing the announcement of the angel Gabriel and conceiving the son of God in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary journeys into the hill country of Judea to

visit her cousin Elizabeth.

Perhaps it is difficult for us to imagine the significance of Mary's journey. God was present in Mary, and like the Ark of the Covenant, God journeyed throughout his land, visiting his chosen people with his presence. His presence caused John the Baptist, himself yet in the womb of Elizabeth to jump for joy, and Elizabeth to sing out

her praise, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:42).

Why so much joy? Because what Mary and Elizabeth and even the unborn John the Baptist knew was that the presence of this one, Jesus Christ, was the fulfilment of God's promise to send a Redeemer to rescue a

doomed humanity. In deed, every one who in humble faith accepts the Christ Child as their Savior rejoices in his presence because we know that he marks the difference between an eternity in the company of the prince of darkness and a glorious eternity before the throne of God in heaven - in the company of him who loved us and redeemed us to be his own for evermore.

The journey of Mary, the journey of our Savior, God in flesh, yet hidden, reminds us today that Christ continues to journey among us. He comes to us in the cradle of his church, in the lives

of all his good and faithful people as they travel the highways and hedges of this world. He comes to us in the Bible. Jesus is truly Emmanuel - God with us! He is present today confronting our broken humanity with the joyous message of the Gospel of salvation, peace and healing through his sacrificial life, death and resurrection. And to all those who hear, who receive his presence among us, comes the joy of salvation.

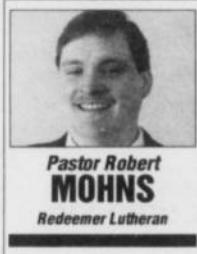
As you journey through this Christmas season, and through this life with its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and tragedies I pray that you encounter the presence

of Christ, and in his presence to rejoice and celebrate in the joy of your salvation.

The churches and Christian fold of our communities invite you to join them in receiving again our Savior, Jesus Christ and together with them rejoice in our salvation.

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant." (Luke 1:46).

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## So... now what's to eat?

*Sheryl Rothert is a wife, mother and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc., B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.*

One more week to go! Gonna make it? Of course you will - somehow we always do! My answer to that often asked question this time of year ("Ready for Christmas?") is - "I will be!"

Here's a great recipe for making ahead of time to store in the freezer for any of those busy mornings coming up, as well as a welcome food gift, if you're staying with friends or relatives. It's perfect for Christmas morning to save precious gift-opening time!

### Cranberry Orange Muffins

2 c. cranberries, fresh or frozen, chopped coarsely	1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/3 c. sugar	
1 Tbsp. grated orange rind	1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 c. orange juice	1/2 c. margarine, low-fat
2 c. flour	3/4 c. sugar
1 egg	

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Prep 2 muffin tins with canola spray or use festive Christmas paper muffin liners.
2. Mix together: cranberries, 1/3 c. sugar, orange rind and juice - set aside.
3. Blend dry ingredients together in a separate bowl.
4. In a large bowl, cream margarine, 3/4 c. sugar and egg.
5. To large bowl, add cranberry mixture and dry ingredients.
6. Mix JUST until blended - it should still be lumpy.
7. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full and bake for 20 min.
8. Remove from pan as soon as they come out of the oven.

Makes 18 medium muffins

**TIP of the week:** Have you got your "Plan of Attack" all figured out for all this wonderful Christmas food coming your way? It's easier to practice some preventive control here rather than "fix" things up after the holidays. Enjoy the holidays - after all, it is a once-a-year-celebration - just don't go overboard, if you don't want an unwelcome New Year's Resolution!

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**Missing from last week:** Tanner Speer and Tyler McTavish.

### The Perfect Christmas Present

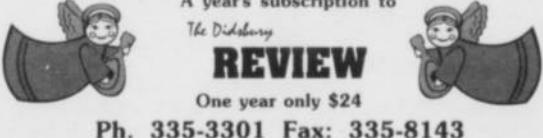
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## New scholarship

A new scholarship has been created for the children of members of the Alberta Volunteer Fire Fighters Association of Alberta, announced Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development Clint Dunford.

The Deputy Fire Chief Hal Harrison Memorial Scholarship came into existence Dec. 1 with the first donation to an endowment fund established by the Volunteer Fire Fighters Association.

Volunteer Fire fighters across the province are being encouraged to add to the endowment to

The value of the scholarship is currently \$250, and is available to a student entering post-secondary studies who has a parent who is an active member of the Alberta Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. The award recognizes academic excellence.

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From Taylor Laut,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? I'm doing fine. How is your workshop? Do you have any new toys? Christmas is my favorite time of the year. Thank you for the cat you gave me last year. This year I want Laser Challenge.

From Bradie Reboul,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents that you have given me last Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus today? Can I please have a Barbie van house?

From Kyla Sauers,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I want a Nintendo 64.

From Steven Rodger,  
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**Dear Santa,**

How do the reindeer fly? How are you? How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves doing? Do you have magic? I would like a dog. I would like a bird. I like you.

From Amanda  
Levesque,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,****Dear Santa,**

I would like a Barbie and toy horse please. How are the elves working?

From Alison Milne,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How is the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How is the elves? How is the weather? Does the sleigh need a new paint job? Can I have a rabbit or a jacuzzi? I really want it please.

From Tyler Cox,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? I am good. How is Mrs. Claus? Are you good? The weather is good here. How is the weather up there? Our school is small. Thank you for the bike you gave me last year. Are the reindeer good? Can I have a dirt bike please?

From Joey Schmick,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I will leave some cookies out for you. And I will leave some oats and carrots out for your reindeer. Can I please have rings?

From Shelby Cox,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

Have you had a good time? May I have a CD Walkman or a color TV?

From Kagen Laut,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

I would like a Barbie and toy horse please. How are the elves working?

From Jason Nysten,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I would like a snowboard. I will leave some cookies out for you. And leave some oats out for your reindeer.

From Wade Hannah,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus and the elves? I want a toy tractor John Deere and a baler.

From Travis Page,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you for all the presents that you have given to me last Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus today? Can I please have a snowboard?

From Allen Dickau,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are your reindeer and how is Mrs. Claus? So are you keeping busy? I want a Polly Walks. So how is the weather? Soon Christmas is coming. I want a puppy.

From Justene Ortman,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

I want a remote control car.

From Brayden White,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

I would like a miniture statue of a horse. I would also like a basketball net and want to know if you like cookies and milk?

From Jesse Dallas,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

I would like a miniture statue of a horse. I would also like a basketball net and want to know if you like cookies and milk?

From Allyson Lore,  
Midway School

P.S. How are the reindeer?

**Dear Saint Nick,**

How are the elves doing? I want a Nintendo game Batman Forever and a Nintendo game Spiderman.

From Drew Brousseau,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus, the elves and how are the reindeer? I want jewelry and a doll that is glass and a horse that walks and a Barbie van and some earrings and Barbie that talks.

From Cassidy Schmidt,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I want a Nerf gun and a Nerf hockey set.

From Dallas Rodger,  
Midway School

**Dear Santa,**

How are you doing and Mrs. Claus? I would like a grand champion horse please. We have cookies for you and some milk. And how are the reindeer? I really want to know your name. Please get my letter.

From Terra Winter,  
Midway School

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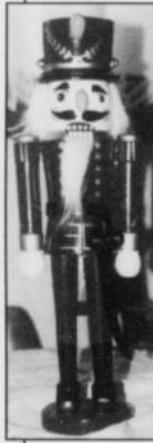
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# Faces

*a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community.*

This week a special Christmas edition of Faces asks Review contributors: "What is your favourite Christmas ornament?"



It is a symbol of Christmas, but to Marg Weaver, the Nutcracker represents so much more.

Every Christmas Weaver brings out the wooden soldier to place him in a prominent position for the holidays.

The Nutcracker was a gift from her grandson, Bob. Five years ago Weaver received the little man and to this day it continues to be one of her favorites. "He knew I loved the ballet and I used to drag him to it all the time," she says.

"I used to make him sick watching (the ballet) all the time."

She says the nutcracker is a treasure to her for many reasons.

"He is our only grandson and we are very close too," she said.

"He holds a very special place in my heart and I guess that is why this gift from him is so treasured."

Weaver, the president of The Didsbury and District Historical Society, writes Museum Musings and CHAT for the Review.



The thing that makes the silver cat such an enchanting ornament to Hilary Clark is the fact that it is so different.

"You never see anything like that anymore," says Clark of the blown glass ornament dating from the 1950s.

Purchased in a downtown Calgary store by her cat-crazy grandfather, the ornament has come to mean something more to Clark than just an ornament.

"I never knew my grandmother (who it was bought for) and my grandfather died when I was very young, so this is one of the few connections I have to them."

The unique ornament, of a cat arching its back in alarm raised even more of a stir when Clark's grandfather brought it home more than 50 years ago.

"My mother's family had never seen a cat on a tree before, it was so different to put cat ornaments up," she says.

Today the Clark family Christmas tree is covered in cat ornaments, though the silver cat always gets a spot where everyone is sure to see it.

Clark is a reporter for the Didsbury Review.



For Sheryl Rothert looking at her favorite ornament is like looking into the face of an old friend.

Rothert's ornament, a piece of painted silk showing the nativity framed in a cardboard frame is her most treasured Christmas item.

"A friend of mine made it for me 15 years ago," she says.

Rothert says they have been friends for 25 years and the ornament is a special symbol of their friendship.

"It always gets a prominent spot on the tree," she says.

Rothert says she also finds the ornament beautiful after all these years.

"I love how the light passes through it, it looks like stained glass."

Rothert says that every time she places the ornament up, either on her tree or on a window, she thinks of her friend.

Rothert writes "So . . . Now what's to eat?" every week for the Review.



The little Santa Claus has certainly seen better days.

You can imagine his stuffed animal friendliness clutched tight in a child's hand. Carried all over the house, only to finally be relegated to his very special spot on the Christmas tree.

This is not far from the actual past of Ceilidh McClurg's favorite ornament. A stuffed miniature version of the friendly elf.

"It was given to my parents for me before I was born," she says. "And as soon as I could walk, I was walking away with him."

The Santa is always given a prominent spot on the tree at her parents home. And he has come to symbolize to McClurg her childhood memories.

"Everyone in my house has a favorite ornament, and mine is this cuddly little Santa doll."

McClurg is the editor of the Didsbury Review.

It may not look like much to anyone else, but to Bessie Eckstrand, it is more precious than gold. It is two parts of an egg carton glued together trimmed with gold ribbon and with a pipe cleaner hook that is also one of Eckstrand's most treasured ornaments.

"It was given to me by an old friend about 20 years ago," says Eckstrand.

Her friend passed away ten years ago making the ornament even more special. Another part of the ornament that appeals to Eckstrand is the ingenuity of it.

"I think it is very pretty and I appreciate (how she made it)," says Eckstrand.

Eckstrand says that the ornament reminds her how she likes to make something significant and beautiful out of nothing.

Eckstrand is the regular contributor of Southwest Didsbury News.



Noreen Olson wrote this special account about her favorite ornament.

This angel dates from the mid forties and probably cost less than two dollars. She topped all of the trees of my childhood and wore a gold halo, silver wings and a princess line dress in some slippery fabric. Several years ago I found her torso with attached head in the drawer of an unused dresser in my mom's house. She had lost her halo, arms, dress and wings and looked very worn and world weary. I brought her to my house, painted her face, bought new arms, made her a new outfit and returned her to mom. Now mom is gone and the angel lives with us. A few weeks ago my sisters and I were at an antique show when one of my sisters spotted another angel, twin to this one and once again a bit the worse for wear, complexion gone spotty, wings tattered, dress falling apart. "You have to rescue her," they said. "And give her a new lease on life like you did with our old one."

I bought her of course. I love the TV show, *Touched by an Angel*, and I am hoping that there is some special reward for rescuing old angels who have fallen upon hard times.

Olson writes At the Kitchen Table for the Didsbury Review.



Over the years it has lost its brilliant bright red color and toned down to a warm coppery-brown shade, but it still holds a special place in the heart of Marge St. Clair.

Her favorite ornament is a large tissue-paper bell that is over 100 years old. Every year in her home it was placed over the tree and for Christmas dinner moved to a spot over the dining room table so everyone could continue seeing it.

When St. Clair was looking after her parents it was her duty to place the bell and move it around. The size of it lends itself to a very dramatic picture of how it must have looked as a tree topper.

"But you see I couldn't just bring in one ornament," she says. "Though this one is very special I also had to bring in five other ones as well."

Five is the number of grand-daughters St. Clair has. And she also has five Christmas ornaments made by each granddaughter in Kindergarten. It was Raleen, Renee, Cori, Tobi and Nicole who demonstrated their artistic talents for Grandma with little knowledge that she would hang onto them so long.

"Raleen is 27 now and the little snowman is hers," says St. Clair.

It may be perhaps St. Clair's desire to hang on to cherished ornaments so long that earns her daughter's praise that she always has the best tree.

St. Clair writes many articles for the Review, including Upcoming events, Legion #105 news, golf and curling updates and many other things.



# Christmas fire safety quiz

Take a few minutes to ask yourself the following questions. If you answer "no" to any of them, you may have a serious fire hazard in your home or lack the knowledge or equipment to protect you and your family from fire.

1. Does your home have at least one smoke alarm on every level?

2. Are the smoke alarms tested monthly?

3. Does your family have a fire escape plan?

4. Is the plan practised at least once a year?

5. Does everyone know two ways out of each room in your home?

6. Do they know that they should crawl low under smoke

to safety?

7. Do you keep a proper fitting lid close at hand when deep frying? (If a grease fire starts, carefully cover the pan with the lid to smother flames)

8. When cooking, do you avoid wearing loose clothing with long sleeves?

9. Before buying a natural Christmas tree do you make sure that it is NOT dried out?

10. Do you keep your natural Christmas tree standing in a container of water at all times? (a dry tree is a fire hazard)

11. Do you check electrical cords and plugs for damage and wear?

12. Are you sure that extension cords and circuits are not overloaded? (octopus wiring)

13. Do you make sure that all

electrical appliances and Christmas trees are turned off when you go to bed or leave the house?

14. Is everyone aware of the danger of smoking in bed?

15. After the party, do you check for fallen butts on sofas or behind cushions? (These can erupt into deadly fires when everyone is asleep)

16. Do you flush ashtray contents in the toilet?

17. Are matches and lighter kept out of sight and out of reach of children?

18. Do you supervise children at all times when they are in a room with open flames?

19. Do you have your furnace pipes and chimney cleaned a n d checked before each heating season by a qualified person?

20. Do you keep portable space heaters at least one metre (three feet) away from drapes, couches, etc.?

21. Do you burn small quantities of dry firewood in your fireplace? (Intense fires, from burning of gift wrap for example, may ignite creosote to cause chimney fires)

22. Are fireplace ashes kept in metal containers for disposal?

23. Do you store all gasoline and gasoline-powered appliances outside the house?

24. Is the lint trap on your clothes dryer cleaned at regular intervals?

25. Are candles, mounted firmly on metal/glass holders and kept clear of pets, children and combustibles?



Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? How are the elves doing? How are you doing? I am fine. I would like some rollerblades. I would like a snowboard.

From Justin Zieverink,  
Midway School

Dear Santa,

I would like a skateboard and a snowboard please. How good are you doing?

From Andrew Zieverink,  
Midway School

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want  
Lost World: Jurassic Park.  
From Brayden Nysten,  
Midway School

## SEASON'S GREETINGS IN A CHRISTMAS CARD

I have a list of folks I know;  
All written in a book,  
And every year at Christmas time,  
I go and take a look,  
And that is when I realize that,  
These names are a part,  
Not of the book they are written in,  
But of my very heart.

For each name stands for someone,  
Whose path touched mine and then,  
Left such a print of friendship,  
That I want to touch again,  
And while it sounds fantastic,  
For me to make this claim,  
I really feel I am composed,  
Of each remembered name.

So never think my Christmas cards,  
Are just a mere routine,  
Of names upon a Christmas list,  
Forgotten in between,  
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# Sports and entertainment

## Didsbury to host Pee Wee hockey tournament

Didsbury was the lucky town chosen to host the Alberta Provincial Hockey Tournament for Pee Wees.

The tournament runs Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30.

"The whole association will get involved in this tourney," says Linda Brander, one of the key organizers of the tournament.

Brander was one of many Pee Wee organizers who received the list of upcoming games for the Provincial Tournament and realized there was no venue set to host the games. She called the Provincial board and they agreed with her suggestion that Didsbury would be an ideal location.

The weekend promises excitement in hockey for local spectators as up to eight teams will be taking part in the four day championship.

All games will be played at the Memorial Complex.

A schedule of the games is listed below.

Saturday, Dec. 27, 1997:

Game 1: Saturday 6 - 8:15 p.m. Didsbury C vs Chestermere. Game 2: Saturday 8:30 to 11 p.m. Didsbury D vs Okotoks.

Sunday Dec. 28, 1997:

Game 3: Sunday 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. team to be announced vs Chestermere.

Game 4: Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Airdrie/Black Diamond vs Didsbury C.

Game 5: Sunday 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Drumheller vs Okotoks.

Game 6: Sunday 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Oyen vs Didsbury D.

Game 7: Sunday 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. team to be announced vs Airdrie/Black Diamond.

Monday, Dec. 29, 1997:

Game 8: Monday 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Oyen vs Okotoks.

Game 9: Monday 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Drumheller vs Didsbury D.

Game 10: Monday 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Didsbury C vs team to be announced.

Game 11: Monday 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Chestermere vs Airdrie/Black Diamond.

Game 12: Monday 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Oyen vs Drumheller.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1997:

Game 13 Tuesday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Semi final Division 1 - first place team plays

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Game 14 Tuesday 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

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## Didsbury Midgets on a roll

By Amy Jackson

The Didsbury Midgets downed Airdrie nine to four on Nov. 28 on Airdrie ice.

Goals were scored by Tyson Youngs, Brian Pieper, Beau Hawkings (2), Chris Isrealson, Brad Jackson, Jeff Miller, Jesse Hnid and Chris Stevens, with assists from Lee Penner, Tyson Youngs, Brad Jackson (2) and Jeff Miller.

This was the second game, and first win, for the Midgets since realignment.

The guys travelled to Magrath for a tournament on Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

The first game of the tournament saw them matched against the Foremost team.

In the third period, with

Didsbury up four to three, Foremost was no longer able to ice a team due to game misconducts and was forced to forfeit the game.

Goals from Brad Jackson (2), Dwayne Kernalan and Jeff Miller were assisted by Shawn Murphy, Pat Morgan, Tyson Youngs, and Mark Collins.

Game two against Medicine Hat was fast paced and also resulted in another win for Didsbury.

First period goals were scored by Mark Collins (2) and Lee Penner.

Medicine Hat scored once in the second, as did Jesse Hnid for Didsbury and Ryan Konschuh hit the target in the



ALL SET TO WIN

Both Didsbury Pee Wee C (above) and Pee Wee A, below, are ready to win when the Provincial tournament comes to town later this month.

Photos By Ceilidh McClurg



## AJHL Selects to be picked soon

Twenty-eight players have

been invited to a training camp Dec. 15 to 17 to determine the Alberta Junior Hockey League Selects' roster for the Viking Cup tournament Dec. 27 to Jan. 4 in Camrose.

Fifteen forwards, ten defencemen and three goalies from 11 AJHL teams will be vying for positions on the Alberta Treasury Branches' AJHL Selects' roster.

Practices are scheduled at 3 p.m. Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. each day Dec. 16 - 17 at the Argyll Plaza Arena in

Edmonton.

Head coach Gord Thibodeau of the Lloydminster Blazers, assistant coaches Brett Cox of the Bonnyville Pontiacs and Jeff Truitt of the Camrose Kodiaks will decide the roster following the five 1 - 1/2 hour on ice sessions.

The AJHL Selects are in a pool with the Finnish, Czech and U.S. under-18 teams in their second Viking Cup appearance. The Finns are the defending champions and the AJHL Selects were fourth in their first appearance in 1996.

# Holiday favourites worth renting this season

By Hilary Clark

The holidays are upon us. Time to prepare our homes for the endless stream of visitors, get ready to do all the holiday baking and try to find something to keep the children occupied. We cannot rely on this good weather to stick around, so now is the time to prepare the videos for those afternoons when you just don't know what to do with your kids.

There are many options out there for the family who wishes to see a pleasant Christmas-time movie.

This year new on the shelves is *Annabelle's Wish*, the story of a lovable calf born on Christmas Eve who brings magic to a little boy. It is a heartwarming story that will make you think twice about eating veal again.

Also new this year is *Babes in Toyland*, the popular children's story this time told for the first in a full-length animated musical edition. This beloved holiday tale is sure to become one of your children's favorites.

Also new this year is the *Beauty and the Beast* sequel, *The Enchanted Christmas*. The story picks up in the middle of the movie and finds Belle trying to warm the Beast's castle and heart with the magic of the season. The movie is sure to be a favorite of any children who loved the first movie and features many of the same characters as the first, as well as some new ones too.

Another new video out this year is *The Littlest Angel*, which seems to pick up a holiday theme on the popular angel motif that is running all over popular media recently. The story finds a troublesome young angel who teaches everyone a lesson about the spirit of giving in a classic tale.

For old stand-bys, there is no

movie like *A Christmas Carol*. Pick any version you like of the Charles Dickens' tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, but it is worth it to try to snag the Muppet's and the Mickey Mouse versions for the small fry. Both are highly entertaining for adults as well. And for the older kids in the house pick up the Bill Murray flick *Serogged*, a dry comedy with plenty of holiday spirit. Everyone raves about the old Alister Cooke colorized version which is shown annually on local TV, but that is a little boring for younger kids to follow, so try to get an animated, or muppetized version.

No Christmas would be complete without a trip to Whoville and a visit with the *Grinch who Stole Christmas*. This imaginative Dr. Seuss tale follows a mean old Grinch, whose "heart was two sizes too small" who attempts to steal Christmas from the Whos. The animated movie is funny and very entertaining. It also provides a different slant on the same old Christmas message that

the season is about giving and not receiving. The score of the film makes it and anyone watching it will be humming a few bars of "You're a mean one Mr. Grinch" for days afterwards.

The Americans stem a lot of their Christmas tradition on the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, which this year will even be more poignant with the death of Jimmy Stewart last spring. Frank Capra's classic finds a man who is helped out by an angel, and remembers what Christmas is really all about. The movie is a very good example of classic filmmaking, and should be a favorite for the whole family.

There are two versions of *Miracle on 34th Street* that are worth seeing. The original version finds child-actor Natalie Woods as the young girl who finds out the real Santa Claus was hired for the annual Macy's parade. The latest version was done a few years ago and finds Elizabeth Perkins as the Santa-doubting mother. Both versions are

wonderfully done and if you get either at the local video store you are lucky.

A ground breaking Christmas movie is always *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. A movie that was made in 1965 but still holds relevance today. Who can forget Linus when viewing the straggly old branch that Charlie picked as

a Christmas tree, saying, "It's okay Charlie Brown, all it needs is a little love."

So this year when you find yourself frazzled, why not sit down with your kids and watch a holiday favorite on the video machine. You might just be reminded what the season is all about.

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## Thrills abound in *It's A Scream*



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Maxie, played by Larry Kadey (rear far right) explains his problems to his chauffeur Mr. Pierce, played by Don Matchullis (front, far left) and Lizzie Borden, played by Sue Kary (centre) in Theatre Didsbury's production of *It's A Scream*. Photo By Robert Magee

By Robert Magee

Theatre Didsbury put on its first show of the 1997-98 season titled *It's a Scream*.

The play, which was directed by Tony Sylvestre, was about a new movie studio owner who just inherited his father's studio.

Spencer Pierce played by Don Matchullis is the owner

who wants to fire over-the-hill actor Mr. Alexander Moreau (Derek Lewis).

With the help of his housekeeper Maria Yocknestor (Marjory Lally), daughter Lizzie Borden (Sue Kary) and Spencer's chauffeur Maxie (Larry Kady), Mr. Moreau sets out to prove Mr. Pierce wrong by showing him he still has

what it takes to scare the "bejeebers" out of people.

All the characters were quite hilarious, especially Maxie who was quiet frightened by new things and of course, the dark.

This was definitely one play you wouldn't go home saying, "I don't like this." It is clearly a winner.

## Wildcats' news

The Didsbury Tykes Wildcats were at Carstairs #2 on Saturday and won 15 to 2. Brayden Hopfe assisted by Pete Gworecki scored the game opener. Josh Campbell had a goal assisted by Eric

Timmons. Chelsea Overwater scored her first of the season. Other goals by Dustin Moreau, Cole Sundberg and Randy Hunter Dallas Davis (also his first). In goal was Hunter and Overwater.

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# OVERTIME

Dec. 13 presented some mixed emotions for many Toronto Maple Leaf fans. It was Doug Gilmour's first return to the Gardens since being shipped to New Jersey last February. Gilmour, a Maple Leaf from January 1992 to February 1996, admitted that he was nervous but excited.

"I remember Wendel Clark's first game back, he received a standing ovation, hopefully I'll get the same."

"Killer" was born in Kitchener Ont., served as Captain of the Buds for three years before being sent to the Devils with Dave Ellett for Jason Smith, Steve Sullivan and Alyn McCauley. Although everybody figured the trade was coming, it still stunned all Leaf fans across the nation when it

happened. I don't think I'd be going out on a limb by saying there probably wasn't one Toronto fan who didn't like #93. In my opinion he was the best player to ever play for the blue and white.

That's right, even better than Mr. Wendel Clark.

He was the best offensive and defensive player, he could run the power play and kill penalties. And he was an amazing leader and always gave 150%. As all Calgary fans painfully know, Gilmour is a magician; a constant threat on the ice.

Even though the Leafs are only a little bit better than the "pre-Gilmour" era, it was definitely worth having him. Between himself, Cliff Fletcher, and Pat Burns they brought a meas-

ure of class to a suffering organization.

They brought Leaf fans from out of the closet, and put some pride back into the Maple Leafs. And at least for now, they still have their fans and a group of young, talented and exciting players to build upon in the future. And as for that game on Saturday, Doug scored the game-winner en route to a three to nil Devils' win. It's a good end to a great epic.

#### Trivia Question:

Sticking with the Maple Leafs, who was the only player to ever score back to back 50-goal seasons as a Leaf? Need a hint? He was acquired from Buffalo for Grant Fuhr, but now plays for New Jersey (go figure).

Last week's answer:

Tommy Albelin and Cale Hulse were the two players traded with Jocelyn Lemieux for Phil Housley and Dan Kezemer.

**Robert MAGEE**



## Penalty killing hurts Colts

Dec. 13 Mountainview Colts 4  
West Country Stars 6:

Mike Seens scored early for the Colts assisted by Trent vanDam and Steven Lyle. Darren Andrew and Bryce Medin scored two quick goals for the Stars. Dave Waiting scored a pair of goals for the Colts to give them a three to two lead at the end of the first. Assists on these goals went to Mark Neven, Chris Seib, Ryan Berg and vanDam.

The second period saw West Country goals by Brad Buchta and Craig Butcher with the final Colts' goal of the game by Mike Brander assisted by vanDam and Mike Hira.

The third period scoring was all by the Stars with goals by Scott Wykoski and Bryce Medin. The Stars scored four power play goals against the Colts.

Dec. 14 Mountainview Colts 6  
Cochrane Generals 8

The Generals scored early in the first on a goal by Evans. Brander soon evened the score assisted by Lyle. Evans again gave the Generals the lead on a power play goal.

Brett Kidd tied the score early in the third period assisted by Brander. The Generals scored two quick goals to again take the

lead. Barclay Andrews assisted by Ken Terpstra scored for the Colts. Cochrane scored with just 21 seconds left on a power play goal.

Each team scored three goals in the third period, the only period in two games that the Generals haven't outscored the Colts. Colts goals were by vanDam assisted by Brad Longeway and

Richard Westlund assisted by Longeway and Andrews assisted by Chad Pappas and James Fenton. The Colts had eight power play goals scored against them this weekend. The Colts play in Drumheller and Red Deer next weekend. At the half way mark in the schedule the Colts record is eight wins, ten losses and one tie.

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# Actress' boyfriend steals the show

If you were lucky enough to attend the Thursday, Nov. 27 evening performance of *Christmas with the Rosebud River Valley Boys* at Rosebud Theatre you would have seen a one-in-a-million performance. Only this time it was for real.

Heather Martin, who plays in the ensemble cast of the show, was taken by surprise when her long-time boyfriend Scott Laubenstein rollerbladed onto the stage after an encore (just like Martin's character, Rollerblade Trivia Girl), and proposed to her, bearing a beautiful diamond ring.

Whether by coincidence or design, the audience of 200 people included Martin's mother and father.

Most of the audience members were "dumbfounded" says staff member Jenn Kenney. "They all thought it was part of the show."

When asked about the situation, Martin replied, "I was laughing so hard I hit the ground. It was not expected at all."

Don't worry Martin did say, "yes" and the happy couple will be exchanging vows in June of next year.

The marriage proposal, although completely unexpected, fit right in with the Christmas show, which has been full of laughter, surprises and a lot of improvisation.

The show has been more like a casual Christmas get-together



with the Rosebud River Valley Boys than a scripted show, and this episode just adds to the fun that the show has seen since it opened on Nov. 7.

While the drama and comedy sketches have been a wonderful part of the show, the main attraction is the musical talent of this six-year old group. The tunes include new and traditional Christmas songs played in a variety of styles, including Celtic, spiritual and bluegrass.

Satisfied patrons have been spreading the good news of Christmas in Rosebud, and ticket sales have skyrocketed. Ed Platt, with PBC Radio in Three Hills, announced boldly, "This is the best Christmas show I've seen in my life." Another patron was overheard commenting how she liked Rosebud's Christmas show much better than a major Broadway production she'd seen in Calgary the night before.

Tickets are almost 90% sold with two weeks left of the run," commented reservationist Margaret Van Dyke, "and there is only limited space left on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday matinees. But we are taking bookings for our next show, *Steel Magnolias*, which begins March 6 if you can't get into this one."

To get in on the action call 677-2001 or 1-800-267-7553 to make reservations. *Christmas with the Rosebud River Valley Boys* runs until Dec. 20.

# Bantam B are working hard

The bantams played on Dec. 6 in Didsbury against Bassano. This was the first time they played them, so the Bantams didn't know what to expect. Both teams played a good game.

The scoring started early in the first period, by C. Anderson, assist going to J. Dawson. With only eight minutes remaining the Bantams finally scored again, this one was put in by R. Christensen, assist going to C. Weber, and J. Dawson.

A few seconds later the team scored again, this time it was W. Wise with an assist going to B.

Hughes. The fourth goal of the first period was by J. Jensen with an assist going to Anderson. The score at the end of the first period was tied four all.

Early in the second period J. McRae scored, unassisted. The sixth goal of the game went to D. Ward, unassisted. Near the end of second period McRae scored again, assisted by Hughes. Making the score at the end of the second seven to four for the Bantams.

The third period saw a turn around though and Bassano came back with four fast goals. This

made the final score eight to seven for Bassano.

On Dec. 7 the Bantams travelled to Crossfield where they played a hard fought game. The defence was excellent, M. Tuggle, R. Fife, C. Clazie, all worked hard to keep the scoring down.

Weber scored the only goal in the third period, but that wasn't enough for a win. Crossfield won three to one. Although the Bantams had no wins this weekend, the team should be proud of their hard work, and efforts that went into both games.

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## 02 BIRTHS

GRANT AND Lorraine McDonald, along with their children, Blake, Stephanie and Troy are thrilled to announce the birth of their son/brother Bryce Riley McDonald. Bryce was born on Nov. 18, 1997 at 4:25 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs 9 oz. Proud grandparents are Alexander and Catherine Hunter and George and Louise McDonald. 36-It

HOFFMAN - Kelvin and Maureen are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Naomi Christine born Dec. 9 in Didsbury. A little sister for Kyle and Jennyce. 36-It

## 05 WEDDINGS



Bruce and Linda Simpson are very happy to announce the marriage of their son, **David to Narda Ann Olson**, daughter of Garth and Debbie Olson of Red Deer.

David and Narda were married at Hope Lutheran Church in Calgary on July 26 and now make their home in Calgary. 36-It

## 06 OBITUARIES

IN LOVING memory of Bernice Clendenan. Bernice passed away at the Didsbury Health Centre on Dec. 9/97 at the age of 71. She is survived by her husband Ivan, her brothers; Jim (Vera) Shumaker of Victoria; Bill (Dolly), Raymond (Kay), Stan (Jesse), all of Didsbury; Les (Dorothy) of Calgary; her sisters Esther of Langley, Gloria (Dan Anderson) of Kelowna, and Joyce (Milt Finney) of Brandon. Also Sisters-in-law Shirley (Curt) of Vulcan and Fran Clendenan in Calgary. Also many nieces and nephews. Bernice was born in Calgary on May 12, 1926 and as a young child moved to the Lone Pine area. She met and married Ivan in 1945. They lived for several years in Calgary and then moved on to Delacour. During these years Bernice worked at several occupations. She loved to assist Ivan in showing his horse - travelling many miles throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan and B.C. She was an avid camper, spending many evenings around the fire visiting with all her friends. She was greatly loved and admired, had a wonderful sense of humor, and loved to laugh. She touched the hearts of many people, making them feel very important in her and Ivan's life and always made them welcome in their home. She was deeply loved and will be sadly missed. A memorial service will be held on Dec. 22 at 1:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 15 Ave, 23 St. Didsbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Alberta Cancer Foundation at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Calgary, AB. 36-It



## 06 OBITUARIES

SUCHLA - William Suchla quietly passed away with his family by his side on Dec. 4, 1997 at the Foothills Hospital. He was born on Oct. 18, 1904 in Fried, North Dakota and moved to Gull Lake, Saskatchewan in 1906 where he farmed with his family. After marrying Daisy Norquay in 1934, he moved to Alberta. He worked as a mechanic and radio technician in Didsbury, until his retirement to Calgary. William was predeceased by his son Andrew in 1990 and his wife, Daisy in 1992. He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his children; daughter Wilma Poag, daughter-in-law Lil Suchla; daughter Pauline Russel (Don); son William Jr. (Marlene), daughter Ellen (Gordon) Orlesky. Also survived by his grandchildren; Jim, Lori, Kathy, Val, Rhonda, Sheila, Donna, Gord and Mike and by his fourteen great grandchildren. A funeral service was held at Foster's Garden Chapel Funeral Home, 3220 - 4th St. N.W., on Monday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. with Interment in St. Joseph's section of Queen's Park Cemetery. If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 1825 Park Road S.E., Calgary T2G 3Y6. Foster's Garden Chapel Funeral Home, Directors. 36-It

DIPPETT - Beverley Darlene (Luft) of Didsbury, Alberta passed away on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the age of 54 after a courageous battle with cancer. She will be forever remembered and sadly missed by her husband, Merle Dippel, daughters Kelly (Dwain) Hicks, Karilyn (Dan) Northcott; grandsons, Michael and Colin Northcott; parents Carl and Lily Luft of Didsbury; brother Gerry (Wyn) Luft; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A private family interment took place on Tuesday, Dec. 16 prior to the memorial service. Services were held on Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. from the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church (South) Didsbury with Pastor Harry Schorr, Pastor Richard Pahl and Reverend Sam Sherman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Canadian Cancer Society or STARS Air Ambulance. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements. 36-It

## 06 OBITUARIES



SHARON LEE (Peery) Stetson was born on February 12, 1950 in Seattle, Washington, to Earl and Agnes Peery. Sharon met Scott, her husband, while attending university in Bellingham, Washington. After graduating from Western Washington State College with a Bachelor of Arts they moved to Portland, Oregon, where her husband received his Master's in Counseling. In 1979 they moved to Didsbury. Sharon has worked as a Daycare Provider, Pre-School Teacher and Kindergarten Teacher. She recently graduated from the University of Calgary with her Bachelor of Education and Alberta Teacher Certification. She taught at Red Deer Koinonia Christian School as a Kindergarten teacher until her recent illness. Sharon was a member of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury and was very active in church activities, and teaching Sunday School. She is survived by her husband, Scott, at home in Didsbury. Son, Shawn, attending the University of Calgary and Mark at home. Father, Earl Peery, Seattle, Washington. Sister, Sandy Hobart, Seattle, Washington and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother Agnes Peery. A service of Remembrance was held on Dec. 10, 1997 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. Cremation followed. 36-It

## 07 CARD OF THANKS

A SPECIAL thank you to John Bates, Dr. Wray and the staff at the Olds General Hospital Emergency centre, Mountain View Ambulance attendants, Billie Jo Turner, and friends and neighbors while I was ill. I also wish to commend Dr. Simmons and the nursing staff at the Red Deer Regional Hospital for super care. Thank you all so much. John DeRuyter. 36-It

I WOULD like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have expressed heartfelt wishes to myself and my family in our difficult time. All of your prayers, flowers, gifts, phone calls, visits and cards have been greatly appreciated. The outpouring of love and concern my community has shown has been overwhelming. Thank you again and I hope to see you all soon. Sincerely, Renee McNeil. 36-It WORDS CANNOT express my sincere thanks to my friends for their support and love during my illness. May God's blessing be with you all. Reta McCoy. 36-It

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## 10 COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAMILY DANCE Saturday, Dec. 27/97 DJ Music at 8 p.m. No liquor. Hot dogs and donuts available. \$2/person. Six and under free. At the Lone Pine Hall East along #582. 36-1t

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CRIBBAGE - Didsbury Elks Hall Dec. 27-40 team pre-register Jim or Sharon 335-3481. 36-1t

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## 13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## 13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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For more information please contact Ian Britton, Program Support and Contract Coordinator, at (403) 678-9995. To be connected toll-free within Alberta, dial 310-0000 first.

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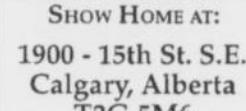
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DIDSURY

#### CONCERT

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Concert Sing-A-Long with goodies following.

#### NEW YEAR'S GALA

Join us for a New Year's celebration on: Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Didsbury Curling Rink. DJ, Party Favors, Dancing, Midnight lunch, Unique door prize, auction. Tickets \$10 per person. Call Linda Lunt 335-3806 for tickets or Grant Hemming 335-2390. Proceeds to Millennium celebrations. Sponsored by the Didsbury Canada Day/Millennium Committee.

### DIDSURY

#### "DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS"

Tea at the Didsbury 5-O Club, \$4 per person. Tuesday, Jan. 13. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For res. phone Ethel 335-4739 or Nancy 337-3200. Presented by Mountain View Christian Women's Club.

#### FALLEN TIMBER

#### NEW YEAR'S CABARET

Bush Bunnies New Year's Eve Cabaret. Fallen Timber Hall. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. DJ and Karaoke, \$25/couple. Tickets Shirl 335-4441 or Michelle 335-8394.

#### MIDWAY

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to join us at the Midway Community School Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Admission: Food Bank, pennies for Medicine River Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. Everyone welcome.

### RED DEER

#### METIS CULTURAL

Metis LINKS presents A Metis Cultural Christmas, Friday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the International Hall at Lindsay Thurber High School. A family event. No fee required. Hosted by Metis LINKS offices of Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Olds and Stettler. RSVP to Tammy at 340-0484 by Dec. 12.

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### CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings. For info call Jean 637-3753 or Laurie 337-3456.

### DIDSURY

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous, Carstairs Catholic Parish, 302 - 11 Ave., Carstairs, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Further info. 337-3619 (Teri).

#### BADMINTON

Drop in Badminton will be held Tuesdays at the Ross Ford Elementary Gym starting Nov. 18 from 7-9. There will be a \$3 drop-in fee to cover the cost of the gym rental.

#### DIDSURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Vivian at 335-3730.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets every third Thursday of every month at the Town Office at 7 p.m. For info. call Terrina Perley at 335-4552.

#### TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 - 11:30 a.m. and Thurs. evenings too, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. More info call Pearl at 335-4787.

#### CANSURMOUNT

You are not alone. Cansurmount & Reach to Recovery, Olds, Didsbury and surrounding communities have a local group of trained volunteers who offer support to families and patients who have cancer. Please call 335-3341 for more information.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525.

### DIDSURY

#### TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. Every Monday (except holidays) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nominal admission fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-4123.

#### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

#### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281.

#### DIDSURY MUSEUM

Won't you join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always welcome. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295.

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### LIONS

Lions bartending service, call Rudy 335-9191. Lions grill rental, call Jim, 335-8193, 335-9936.

#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

### DIDSURY

#### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8846 or 335-4736.

#### AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in EV Church, next to Post Office, Didsbury. More info. 337-2622

#### LONE PINE

#### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

#### OLDS

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP). Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Deer Meadows School, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Sandy Wilson at 556-7501.

#### OVEREATERS

#### ANONYMOUS (OA)

Meet every Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m. Olds Hospital Welcome to (OA), Welcome Home! For further information contact: 556-7161 or 556-7119 evenings.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

#### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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